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Easter Sunday Mass For Lisa Ziegert

A Memorial Mass for Lisa Ziegert will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 3rd.

White bows will be handed out to those who attend the Mass.

Lisa Ziegert was murdered three days before Easter Sunday in 1992. Her body was discovered in a wooded field off Sufield Street on Easter Sunday. The case remains unsolved and has received much national attention, including a segment on the weekly NBC series *Unsolved Mysteries* last October. The segment was repeated earlier this month in the hopes that a second viewing would spur further leads on the case.

Also, the family and friends of Lisa Ziegert have planned a candlelight vigil in her memory for Friday evening, April 15th, beginning at 7:30 p.m., on the Veterans' Green in front of Phelps School in Agawam Center.

Agawam Lioness Come Through Again



AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Rosemarie Kieffer (president), Vivian Roberts, Ann Jackobek, and Pat Lalancette supervise the baked goods table at the recent Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper sponsored by the Agawam Lions at the Middle School. MANY MORE PHOTOS INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mayor Expecting Cut In Request...

School Committee Continues Review Of Proposed Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The School Committee gave its tentative approval to Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder's spending requests for seven more cost centers as presented in his budget proposal at its March 22nd meeting.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, who serves as the School Committee's chairman, previously stated he was giving his support to the needs of the school district as reflected in Ryder's budget proposal, but he expects \$400,000 to \$500,000 will be cut from the budget before it gains Town Council approval.

All School Committee members present (Susan Pettazzoni was absent) voted to give their initial approval of the proposed spending for the Physical Education, Athletics, Utilities, Adult Education, Audio Visual, Programs with Other Districts, and the Undistributed Accounts.

All five members of the Town Council's School Budget Sub-committee were on hand to scrutinize the budget proposals and to question School Department officials on specific line items in the various cost centers under consideration.

Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest said, "The Physical Education budget is basically a supply budget."

In addition to money for the purchase of equipment at all grade levels, the line items included money for the transportation of grade three students to the Junior High School for the swimming program and for the transportation of fourth

graders to AHS for their Annual Field Day. Money was also set aside for Physical Education teachers to attend out-of-district conferences and for professional development.

\$534,552 Requested For Physical Education

The total budget request for Physical Education was \$534,552. Of that amount, \$517,902 is for salaries; \$16,650 is for supplies, transportation, and professional development.

Except for salaries, the cost of transporting Agawam's student athletes to away games and events not held at AHS took the biggest bite (\$30,000) out of the total athletic budget request of \$190,376.

In support of the budget request, Physical Education, Health and Athletics Director Kathleen McSweeney told committee members, "One of the tremendous things about this school system is that the kids don't have to pay a fee (to participate in the athletics program)."

Miss McSweeney said that last year, 563 athletes took advantage of the inter-mural sports programs offered at AHS. She added that some of those students participated in more than one sport.

Charest told the committee that the Utilities cost center reflected the School Department's share of the telephone costs of the town. Charest said the \$57,000 needed to cover the School Department's share would be transferred to the town in July (as arranged with the Mayor).

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LISA ZIEGERT

SCHOOL BUDGET - from Page 1...

Adult Education is expected to cost the School Department \$10,099. The program brings in approximately \$13,000 in income, and the tuition fees pay for a portion of the teachers' stipends and supplies. The school system currently offers academic courses that can be applied for credit toward a high school diploma and non-academic courses as well.

The Audio Visual budget of \$8,703 pays for the monthly installment payments for a Savin copier and collator at AHS, and for supplies for the copier and the Risograph copier located in the AHS library. Charest explained that the copiers are not included in the AHS budget because they are used to provide copies for the other schools (when a large number of copies are needed).

The budget for Programs with Other Districts covers the \$436,444 used to pay tuition for students receiving vocational education through the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative and area vocational high schools.

Concerns Regarding Duplication Of Programs

School Committee members Teresa Kozloski and Linda Galarneau raised concerns over whether there is some duplication in the programs offered by the AHS Technical Education Department and the programs students are attending at the Pioneer Valley Collaborative. Mrs. Kozloski and Mrs. Galarneau suggested further study to determine whether it would be cost effective to bring some of the programs offered by the collaborative home to AHS.

Town Councilor and former School Committee

member Walter Balboni said he doubted it would be cost effective to produce the vocational programs offered by the collaborative here in town and he noted the problems of finding space for the programs at AHS. Balboni said those were the same concerns that prompted Agawam to join the collaborative.

Currently, 45 Agawam students are enrolled in programs provided by the regional collaborative, Agawam's enrollment accounts for 31.02 percent of the collaborative's students; Agawam contributes \$291,335 (31.02 percent of the collaborative's budget).

Charest said the Undistributed cost center, with a budget request of \$105,050, was comprised of costs that couldn't be attributed to any other account. Some of the line items coming under the heading of Undistributed included handwriting services for elementary students, some of the expenses related to curriculum review and purchase of a van shared by the School Department and the School Lunch Program. The lion's share of this account, \$80,500, pays for the School Department's share of the town's liability insurance.

In other business, the School Committee approved the school calendar for the 1994-95 school year. Teachers will report for an in-service day on September 1st, 1994. School will begin for the students on September 6th, 1994.

It was agreed that the Mayor will redraft the Superintendent's space needs proposal for the school district for the committee's consideration at its next meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM. CHAPTER 180, ARTICLE VII. ENTITLED "BUSINESS A DISTRICT."

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam under the authority granted by M.G.L. ch. 40A Section 1 to 22 inclusive, enacted the Agawam Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of promoting health, safety, convenience, and welfare of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the proposed amendments will result in improved public safety, and will lessen traffic congestion in the Town of Agawam; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance amendment is in the best interests of the Town of Agawam;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS:

1. Amend the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, Article VIII, Business A District, Section 180-44, Permitted Uses, by adding the following, Section 180-44H;

H. Drive-In Restaurants and Drive-Thru Restaurants after a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals in conformance with Section 180-11. At no time shall less than 50 parking spaces be provided on site.

2. Amend the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, Article I, General Provision, Section 180-2(b), Definitions and word usage, by inserting alphabetically the following definition:

Restaurant, Drive-In and Drive-Thru - a restaurant which provides convenient vehicular access and may provide service to customers while in their vehicles.

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 1994.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL.

James D. Taylor, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
Thomas S. Locke, Solicitor

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IRS Says Info Needed On Students

The more college tuition costs increase, the more students may need to depend on financial assistance from their college or university.

To determine eligibility for aid, schools need to review a student's, and sometimes their parents', tax situation. They require information from students' and/or parents' tax returns or even complete copies of the returns. If your copy of any federal tax return you have filed is misplaced, the Internal Revenue Service can help you.

If you need a copy of a return, it will take at least 45 days. There is a charge of \$4.25 per return, which may be requested on Form 4506, "Request for Copy of Tax Form." Send the completed Form 4506 with payment to the Internal

Revenue Service Center where you filed your original return.

Some schools may instead accept tax account information, such as marital status, number of exemptions claimed, adjusted gross income, taxable income, and income tax shown on your return. If the school will accept it, you can call, write, or visit your local IRS office listed in your local phone directory to get tax account information.

You should allow at least six weeks processing time after a return is filed before requesting a copy or other information. To get tax information, call 1-800-829-1040. To order a Form 4506, call 1-800-829-3676.

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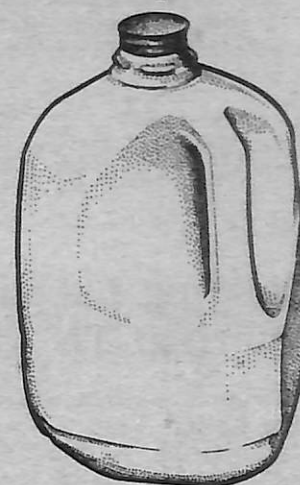
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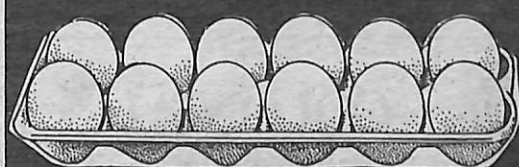
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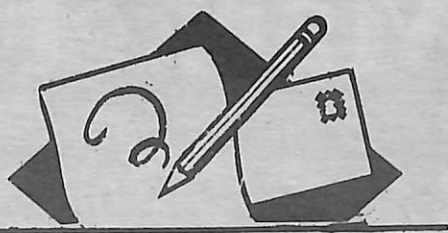


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Letters To The Editor

Senior Citizen Responds To Request To Stop Street Hockey

To The Editor:

I read with interest about Jessie Fuller's wish to prevent children from playing hockey in our streets. Although I have lived in Agawam all my life and have raised five children to be very successful adults, I doubt if as much credence will be given to my opinion as will be given to that of so prominent a citizen as Ms. Fuller, who has "worked with children all of my life." However, I must express my disapproval of her suggestion that we amend a town ordinance to prevent this use of our streets.

All the young people from my street and those close to it use the road in front of my house to play hockey, baseball, and football. It is a welcome sign of spring when nets are brought out and hockey season begins. On the next street, the boys have set up a basketball court.

I have found both groups of young people to be polite and cooperative. They move their equipment and stand back out of my way whenever I drive by. At times, a puck or a ball will land in my yard, but the players are careful not to damage my flowers when they retrieve them. They use a "soft" baseball so they "won't break any windows," they told me.

If all the children are rude and disrespectful, perhaps Jessie should examine her own attitude toward them. All persons, both young and old, respond better to smiles and thank-yous than to complaints and criticism.

Each time I wave a thank-you as these children move out of my way, I think how lucky I am to live in a town where they can play in the street without fear of becoming an innocent victim of random gunfire. Would you rather these young folks were hiding somewhere doing drugs? Would you rather they challenge their classmates with guns instead of hockey sticks?

I am certain that some senior citizens do not agree with Ms. Fuller. Some of us enjoy watching our young people. It helps to keep us young. Try it, Jessie!

Sincerely,
Millicent Barnard
Vassar Road
Feeding Hills

Recycling Labeling Bill Important To All Residents

To The Editor:

It's important to remember recycling isn't just about the blue box at the curb. The recyclable stuff obviously has to get collected, but for recycling to truly succeed, the material must get reused. Recycled waste, whether glass or cans or paper, has to be remanufactured wholly or partially into

new products or packaging to "close the loop."

When collected materials aren't reused, the surplus (or glut) of recyclables weakens the market. When manufacturers use recycled content in products or packaging, markets for recyclables collected in our local recycling program get stronger. One way to encourage manufacturers to use high levels of recycled content is to give consumers more information so the power of the marketplace sends a message to the manufacturers.

Passage of the "Recycled Content Labeling Bill" (currently No. 1715) would be a big step in the right direction, providing consumers a "Right to Know" about recycled content. This will help to improve markets for recycled materials.

It's a simple bill. It says: packaging for products sold in Massachusetts must bear a label stating the total percent of recycled content the package contains, and how much of it is "post-consumer" recycled content.

The bill is House No. 1715. People interested in finding out more about the "Recycled Content Labeling Bill" should contact Representative Resor at (617) 722-2060. Ms. Resor is one of the co-sponsors of this bill. A public hearing on the bill will take place on April 19th in Room A-2 at the State House at 10:30 a.m.

Call your State Representative (Walsh) or Senator (Melconian). Urge them to support the "Recycled Content Labeling Bill."

Sincerely,
Damian Gormley
56 South Westfield St.
Feeding Hills

Bitzas Thanks Supporters For Coming Out To Kickoff

To The Editor:

I would like to thank the people of the Third Hampden District who joined us at the Oaks Banquet Hall last Wednesday night for my official campaign announcement.

I am very grateful for all the enthusiastic support and encouragement that you have showed me. I promise to work hard during this campaign and with your support, earn the opportunity to represent the people of the Third District in Boston.

There are many important issues facing the Commonwealth and I pledge to work hard to make informed decisions on those issues. If elected, I will do my best to be your voice in the legislature.

I ask for your continued support as I begin my campaign for State Representative. Anyone wishing to help may call 789-1464. I also ask for your concerns, suggestions and ideas as I shape my platform on the issues. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
George Bitzas
Agawam Council Vice President
Candidate for State Representative

F. Hills Resident Welcomes Newcomer To "5-0h Club"

To The Editor:

You know you're over 50 when ... your back hurts; you see doctors, osteopaths, chiropractors, and therapists; you change your mattress, buy special shoes, wear braces, do exercises, take pills, and hang upside down (and it still hurts).

On Sunday, March 27th, Robert Nowacki joined the "5-0h Club." Bob, welcome to the fifties!!!

Sincerely,
Eddie Barako
52 Forest Hill Road
Feeding Hills

Ag. Congo Youth Groups To Learn About Homeless

To The Editor:

On the weekend of April 8th-9th, the youth groups from the Agawam Congregational Church will be learning about homelessness.

Diane Crowell from the Open Pantry in West Springfield will be bringing a guest and speaking at the church on April 8th at 5:30 p.m. The youth will be constructing a shelter for the evening.

The community is invited to stop by the church on April 9th between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, and to bring canned goods to donate to the Open Pantry.

That weekend also begins the competition between the four youth groups at the church to see what group can bring in the most canned goods between April 8th and May 1st. The winning group will be announced in the church on May 1st.

Thank you for your donations!

Tina Wright
Corinne Colman
Youth Directors

The Weather Turned Nice For Annual Agawam Day

To The Editor:

Tuesday, March 1st was a day of heavy rains and high winds. The late night news weather report for Wednesday was for continued rains and winds with a tornado watch.

Wednesday morning didn't show any change. Going to the picnic site, we didn't expect anyone to come and thought the 13th affair would be a total washout.

At 9:30 a.m., the clouds left and the sun came out. Needless to say, it turned out to be a beautiful day. To our surprise, our Agawam friends started to come and we had 85 people show up. They came from distant places such as Naples, Port Orange, Deltona.

Many door prizes were given out. A picture painted by Dave Gallano was raffled off and won by Julia Crawford.

Sincerely,
Betty & Ken Grady
Evelyn & Al Martel

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Monday, April 4th
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At Ag. Congregational Church,
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7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6th
April mtg. of F. Hills Women's Club
At Grange Hall, North West St., F.H.
7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 11th
"Lung Disease" program by
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Agawam Council On Aging A Wonderful Group

To The Editor:

Recently my confidant and literary advisor, Mr. Billy Burnett, and I became members of the Council on Aging.

We had a delightful visit and were welcomed by the most happy and efficient people here in Agawam. We were made most comfortable and invited to lunch.

I feel that two banners should be flying high and proud outside this wonderful edifice. One for excellence and one for happiness.

Before we left, we were informed that we had been selected to be inducted into their newest arm of the Council on Aging. We have been honored to become members of "The Wrinkle Club" chaired by the honorable Sam Provo. We accepted this honor with great pride and will definitely attend upcoming ceremonies.

When leaving, I was greeted by an acquaintance in the parking lot. He knew I had been inside as he recognized my truck. I then and there related my trademark must be "age."

Our visit made us feel it is so nice to be important, but more important to be nice.

Dan Courtney
Feeding Hills

Robinson Park PTO Is Happy With Spring Carnival's Success

To The Editor:

This year, Robinson Park PTO decided to hold a Spring Carnival. The success of this Carnival laid heavily on the many people it took to run it.

We met and worked with many wonderful, caring people, and we would like everyone to know how much we appreciated them.

A BIG thank you to every co-chairperson who ran the individual booths, all the volunteers who

helped run the carnival that day, to all the people who helped set up and clean up.

Thank you, Junior Women's Club, parents, teachers, students, who donated books for the book store. Special thanks to Sandy & Bob Harkins, Don Balduga, Mrs. Scherpa, Henry Waniewski, Mr. Beauman (West Springfield High School), Mr. Bower and his fourth grade classroom, Jim Griffin, Priscilla Magnoli, Eugenia Reale, Gino Mercolino, and DARE Officer Gallerani.

Finally, thank you to our husbands, Bob and Gerry, and our children, who worked with us and alongside throughout the many months of planning. There are some great people in Agawam. We know, because we worked with them.

Thanks again,
Debbie Pelley
Sally LaValley
Chairpersons

Agawam Junior High Invites Parents To Social Studies Fair

To The Editor:

Dear Parents:

On Tuesday, April 5th, 1994, the Agawam Junior High School social studies department is sponsoring a Social Studies Fair from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the junior high school.

As you are well aware, your child has been working on a project for this fair for the past number of weeks. Most projects are of a very high quality and should make for a fine presentation on this night. Much talent and hard work have been incorporated into these projects to make this night a huge success.

We invite you and your family to attend this Social Studies Fair and to see the fine work that will be on display. We do look forward to seeing you on this night, and we know you will enjoy and be impressed by the work displayed.

Social Studies Department
Agawam Junior High School

IRS Makes Changes In Doing Business

Tax processing procedures are changing within the Internal Revenue Service to improve "the way they do business" in dealing with business tax return filers. "The changes will result in a tax system that is more efficient, more cost effective, and better able to serve the public," the IRS says.

During 1993, the IRS tested a variety of ways to improve the processing procedures for Form 941, "Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return." Several pilot tests were conducted to find the best way to process employment tax payments faster, more economically, and eliminate the need to replace outdated computer equipment.

All employers will now receive two pre-addressed labels in their quarterly Form 941 packages. The only change in the procedure for employers will be choosing the correct pre-addressed label. Instructions included in each package alert employers to these changes.

Employers who owe tax will send their return, voucher, and payment to the IRS processing site using the envelope found in their tax package and the appropriate pre-addressed label. If no payment is due, the employer sends the return to the IRS Service Center by applying the yellow pre-addressed label to the envelope.

Results from the Form 941 pilot tests showed three areas where employers are having trouble.

These problem areas delayed payment and in some cases made the return unprocessable:

- The payment voucher, Form 941-V, was not used. This was costly to correct and delayed processing of the payment.
 - Employers sent cash with the return. Cash received with a 941 was costly to correct and delayed processing of the return.
 - The entity portion of the 941 was not completed. The IRS could not process the vouchers or returns without this section completed.
- The IRS also noted several recurring errors, and encourages employers to do the following:
- When making out checks to the IRS, spell out Internal Revenue Service.
 - Never send cash or postage stamps when making a tax payment, regardless of the size of the payment.
 - Make sure any check, money order, or related payment is signed.
 - Since tax administration is continually updated, changes are common. Always read tax material instructions carefully.
- Need questions answered about employment tax procedures? Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. Also, IRS Publication 15 (Circular E), *Employer's Tax Guide*, will help. Order it by calling 1-800-829-3676.

Agawam Obituaries



Raymond Husson

Raymond D. Husson, 76, of 31 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, a retired 13-year custodian for the Agawam School Department, died last Sunday in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He retired in 1983. He was previously employed for 10 years at General Fiber Box Co.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in Central Europe. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632.

He was born in Chicopee, and lived in Springfield for several years before moving here in 1968.

He leaves his former wife, Dawn Dawson; a daughter, Eva Husson-Stockhamer of East Longmeadow; a brother, Samuel of Chicopee; two sisters, Mary Husson and Alice Manferdini, both of Springfield; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was at Tazzini Funeral Home in Springfield, with burial in Fairview Cemetery, Chicopee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Raymond Husson Scholarship Fund, in care of Connie Sandillo, Westfield Savings Bank, 655 Main St., Agawam, 01001.

Merice R. Morales

Merice R. (Sandy) Morales, 79, of 55 School Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Holyoke, she lived for 35 years in West Springfield, and was a 1933 graduate of West Springfield High School.

She moved to Agawam 26 years ago, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

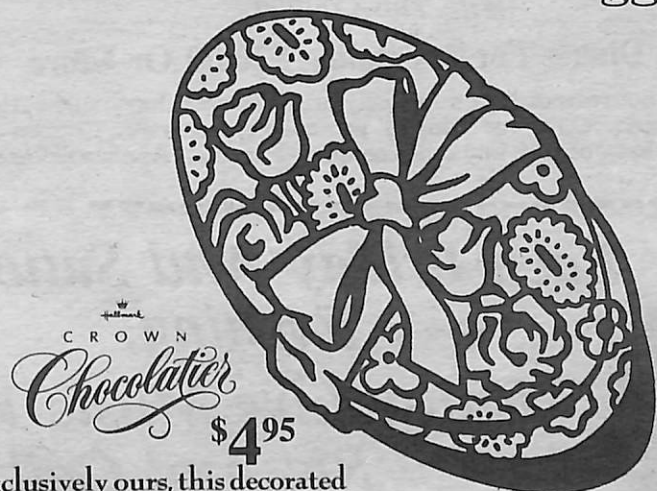
She leaves her husband of 56 years, Joseph E. Morales; four sons, David J., Daniel and Ronald P. of Agawam, and Robert of Westfield; a sister, Vivian MacDonald of Agawam; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Another son, Kenneth, died in 1988.

A private graveside service was conducted in the Agawam Center Cemetery, and Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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Melconian Says Committee Files Report On Bay State Challenge

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, has announced the filing of the Committee's first of two reports entitled, "Meeting the Baystate Challenge."

In its report, the Committee finds that the Baystate Challenge for Massachusetts to maintain its competitive edge in the national and international economic order of the 21st century is to convert technology to product and bring that product to market faster than anyone else.

To meet this Baystate Challenge, requires economic regionalization of the state and increased strategic partnering among academia, industry, and government, uniting those three sectors into one triangular network of information, ideas, communication, and financing.

"Developing partnerships which create incubator programs among the public higher education institutions, emerging technological industries, and local, state, and federal government within a particular region of the Commonwealth must be forged and will be a primary focus of this new Senate Committee," emphasized Chairwoman Melconian.

The report points out that economic regionalization can be achieved by utilizing the public higher educational system: The University of Massachusetts five campus system, and Springfield Technical Community College, the only technical community college, as incubators for research, development, and early-stage growth of emerging technologies. New companies will be encouraged to "spin-off" from these educational institutions and established companies will take the knowledge and apply it to the local, national, and global marketplace.

Among the many recommendations made by the Committee for the Commonwealth to accomplish the goals of meeting the Baystate Challenge are the following: that flexible financing grant and assistance programs be readily available and accessible for the unique needs and requirements of the different emerging technologies; that a stronger commitment to fund the public higher educational system and public elementary and secondary educational system be made with emphasis on math, science, and technological preparatory curricula including job skills training and retraining; and that a more flexible and speedy regulatory process be implemented to ease the expansion, location, or relocation of those technological companies within Massachusetts.

This report, and the one to follow, are the culmination of five hearings with over 100 participants held by the Committee throughout the Commonwealth, in Springfield, Worcester, Lowell, Falmouth/Woods Hole, and Boston.

Melconian pointed out for the Committee that, "The best sources of information are always the individuals who actually operate within the Massachusetts economic system on a daily basis, who experience the trials and tribulations of developing new science and technological enterprises."

Participants in the hearings included members of the state and federal levels of government, business leaders of emerging technologies from throughout the Commonwealth, scholars, chancellors, presidents, and professors from state and private colleges and universities, and local community leaders.

Within the next two months, the Committee plans to file a second report, which will explore four specific emerging technologies and their development and growth in the state: high speed ground transportation [MAGLEV], telecommunications, environmental technology, and marine biology.

Following the second report, the Committee will file its legislative package to implement the recommendations of these two reports.

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by Fire Chief David Pisano

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- Minimize the number and lengths of extension cords.
- Allow space around TV and stereo equipment to prevent overheating.
- Use metal screen in front of fireplace.
- Have large, deep ashtrays for smokers and make sure all smoking materials have been extinguished before disposal.

KITCHEN

- Keep surfaces clean and free of grease.
- Do not leave the kitchen while the stove or oven is in use. Many fires begin during unattended cooking.
- Turn pot handles in so they can't be knocked off or pulled down by small children.
- If you have a grease fire, put a lid on it! Using water will spread the fire.

BEDROOMS

- Make a firm rule not to allow anyone to smoke in bed.

• Working smoke detectors should be installed outside each sleeping area. If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, install one in your room. Test the detector monthly and change the battery annually.

• Have a home fire escape plan and practice it with your family.

BASEMENT, GARAGE AND STORAGE AREAS

- Have furnace, wood burning stove, or any other heating appliance inspected by a professional prior to each heating season.
- Keep areas around heating equipment free of papers, rags, or flammable liquids.
- Store gasoline, kerosene, or other flammable liquids in safety cans outside your home.

THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

- Keep matches and lighters stored where children cannot find them.
- Post emergency numbers on all phones.
- Don't let papers or trash accumulate.
- Unplug appliances when not in use.

It only takes a minute to check your home for fire hazards. Set a time to regularly check your home. You could be preventing a fire and possibly saving a life ... the life of your family.

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Looking Back...

Compiled and edited by
David C. Gallano

Early Spring, 1973

MARCH 27th - BUDGET REVIEWS OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Town Council agreed Monday to open preliminary budget review meetings to the public and the press. Four such meetings were held in private last week.

The decision followed a reading of Town Counsel Jay Posnick's opinion that budget sessions may be closed "providing they are held solely for the purpose of ... information ... and further providing that the councilors do not take any action thereon or predetermine or prejudice ... and future action..."

Westman told the council the private meetings were intended to help councilors and reminded them that they would conduct the public hearing on the budget, not himself. "You will have to answer the citizens' questions," he said.

MARCH 27th - CONFIRMATION ISSUE RETURNS

The question of council confirmation of the Town Manager's appointments cropped up again Monday during a council workshop session.

Councilor Kenneth Barnes questioned whether the council must confirm Town Manager James D. Westman's most recent appointment to the Housing Authority, Roland Corriveau of 29 Hall Street.

Barnes said he felt the elderly housing project designated for property located off Main Street could be jeopardized if Corriveau was not legally in office.

The issue was referred to Town Counsel Jay Posnick for a ruling.

MARCH 29th - HOUSING UNIT VOTES AGAIN FOR \$1.3 MILLION

The Housing Authority had to take a second vote Wednesday to obtain \$1,344,000 in state funds for the elderly housing project off Main Street.

Doubt concerning the vote of Town Manager Westman's new unconfirmed appointee, Roland Corriveau triggered the meeting.

Board members Raymond Charest, chairman, Daniel DiDonato, and Frank Chriscola Jr. cast votes for the State Department of Community Affairs funds to construct 64 units of elderly housing.

The validity of the first vote by Charest, Richard Dudek, and Corriveau taken Monday was doubted when the question of council confirmation of the Town Manager's appointments arose during a Town Council meeting that same night.

MARCH 31st - LIBRARY TO BE NAMED FOR GENERAL ABRAMS

The library at Agawam High School will be named in honor of General Creighton W. Abrams and a scholarship will be established in his name in 1974, but plans have been dropped to rename Main Street for the famous general.

Ruth Zucco, secretary of the Planning Committee formed to honor Gen. Abrams, said Main Street residents were almost unanimously opposed to the latter proposal.

"It's not that they didn't feel the General deserves the honor, they just feel every town should have a 'Main Street.' Many members of our committee have been receiving calls from residents and businessmen opposed to the change. There was just too much dissention," Zucco said.

APRIL 5th - SCHOOL EYES FULL DIPLOMAS FOR SPECIAL STUDENTS

The School Committee has taken under advisement a proposal to grant special education students full diplomas at graduation.

Special students now receive "certificates of graduation," which do not have the same status as diplomas at graduation.

Large Crowd Comes Out For Bitzas



A LARGE GATHERING OF SUPPORTERS attended the campaign kickoff announcement at The Oaks for George Bitzas, vice-president of the Agawam Town Council who is seeking the state representative seat in the Third Hampden District. Former Town Councilor Jane Gallerani introduces Bitzas as his wife, Peggy, and children look on.

Submitted by James V. Bruno, Jr., Assistant Superintendent, the proposal also includes a provision to allow former special students to obtain a regular high school diploma.

APRIL 3rd - COURT RULING UPHOLDS FAUCETTE

Town Councilman Joseph M. Faucette Monday won his eight-month battle to keep his council seat and said he will present his legal bills, which total more than \$6,000, to the council for reimbursement.

A decree signed Monday by Associate Superior Court Judge Eileen P. Griffin declares null and void the August 1st vote of the Town Council to unseat Faucette.

Faucette addressed the council at its regular meeting last night and charged that the motive for the ouster attempt was "conflicting personalities." He said the council ignored the advice of the Town Solicitor and "subjected the town to a great financial expense for a decision that had already been rendered by the town's solicitor."

"The long battle is over. So now, let us carry on with the true purpose of this council, the welfare of our town," he concluded.

APRIL 4th - ARCHITECT NAMED FOR NEW LIBRARY

Alfred P. Casella of Agawam has been selected as architect for the Giles W. Halladay Memorial Library to be built in Feeding Hills.

Work will begin immediately on preliminary plans for the library named in honor of the Agawam Selectman who was active in many town organizations.

The site on North Westfield Street was obtained by the Halladay sisters, Barbara Swanson, Bernice Burton, and Mrs. Robert McKenna.

Final plans for the library will have to go to the

Town Council for approval.

APRIL 4th - TOWN ASKS SHORT EXTENSION OF EXPIRED DUMPING CONTRACT

Town Manager Westman said today he has begun contract negotiations with Jobar Enterprises, Inc., operators of the town dump off Main Street.

The town's five-year contract with Jobar expired April 1st. Westman said the town is asking for a "stopgap" six-month extension of the present contract in the hope that the regional dump issue will be settled in that time.

Westman said he expects negotiations with Jobar, Frank A. Grasso, president, to continue into next week.

APRIL 5th - AGAWAM MANAGER BACKS TRACK OVER DUMP

A proposed harness racing track "has got to be a better proposition than a dump," Town Manager James Westman said today.

The abandoned race track at Bowles Airport is the most commonly talked of site for the proposed harness racing track. The tract is also the possible site of the regional dump.

The racing track would increase the value of the property it was located on and benefit the town through percentage profits, Westman said.

APRIL 5th - BUDGET PROPOSAL INCLUDES ABOLITION OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Budget proposals to date include abolition of the Board of Assessors and hiring a full-time assessor and part-time assistants. Westman said the proposal was recommended by the present board.

Westman said he will include a reorganization plan in the budget submitted to the council. It would streamline all departments into five or six, with department heads directly responsible to the manager.

Best local news...

The Agawam School Committee will hold a public hearing on the School Choice program on Tuesday, April 12th, 1994 at the:

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Ag. Council Agenda For April 4th Mtg.

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 3/21/94
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-94-7, A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of F. William Euliano, Jr., 38 High Meadow Rd., FH, MA to the Board of Health for a Term Expiring the First Monday in February, 1997 (Mayor).

2. TR-94-7, A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Ronald J. Hamel, 52 Federal Ave., Aga. MA to the Veterans' Council for a Term Expiring April 1, 1996 (Mayor).

3. TR-94-9, A Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Ronald Bennett, 25 Woodcock Court, FH, MA to the Board of Registrars for a Term Expiring April 1, 1997 (Mayor).

7. Report of Council Committees

Coun. Dziardziel - Committee on Rules
Coun. Balboni - Committee on Ordinances
Coun. Caba - Committee on Utilities & St. Acceptances
Coun. Bitzas - Committee on Licenses

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

(a)

1. PH-94-5-(TOR-94-5)-An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Ch. 180, Art. XI entitled "Industrial District B." (Conduct Public Hearing.)

10. Old Business

None.

IRS Always Needs Final Returns Of Deceased Taxpayers

Tax matters are most likely the furthest from your mind after the death of a loved one. Yet, there may be certain filing responsibilities that must be resolved on his or her behalf.

If a person died before filing a return for 1993, that person's spouse or personal representative may have to file and sign a return for the person who died. A personal representative can be an executor, administrator, or anyone who is in charge of the deceased person's property. The person who files the return should write "DECEASED" the decedent's name, and the date of death across the top of the tax return.

For a taxpayer who did not have to file a return but had tax withheld, a return must be filed to get a refund. To claim a refund for a deceased person, if you are a surviving spouse filing a joint return with the decedent, file only the tax return to claim the refund. A court-appointed representative should file the return and attach a copy of the certificate that shows the appointment. All other filers requesting the deceased taxpayer's refund should file the return and attach Form 1310, "Statement of Person Claiming Refund Due a Deceased Taxpayer."

Generally, you can file a joint return if your spouse died in 1993 and you did not remarry in 1993. Also, if your spouse died in 1994 before filing a 1993 return, you can file a joint return. A joint return should show your spouse's 1993 income before death and your income for all of 1993. Write "Filing as surviving spouse" in the area where you sign the return. If someone else is the personal representative, he or she must also sign.

The decedent's spouse or personal representative should promptly notify all payers of income to the deceased taxpayer, including financial institutions, of his or her death. This will ensure the proper reporting of income earned by the taxpayer's estate or heirs.

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Supplemental Budget Will Assist Agawam

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that on Tuesday, March 29th, the Senate Ways and Means Committee passed a supplemental budget bill that will provide \$72,598 in additional local aid for Agawam this fiscal year, and \$13,000 to cover back-due bills to the Heritage Hall East Nursing & Rehabilitation Center nursing home in Agawam.

"I strongly urged the Committee to provide these funds," said Melconian, who is a member of the Massachusetts Senate Ways and Means Committee. "No one could have foreseen the severity of this winter, and the funding is desperately needed to pay for snow and ice removal. The nursing home funds will pay for services long since provided, and I think it is only fair that the state owns up to its obligations."

Senate Ways and Means Chair Thomas F. Birmingham (D-Chelsea) said that he was reluctant to rubber-stamp the House aid designated for snow and ice removal. "While I am extremely reluctant to set the precedent of paying for cities' and towns' snow and ice removal, I do recognize that this has been an unusually tough winter," said Birmingham. "Senator Melconian's arguments for providing the additional local aid were persuasive."

The Senate Ways and Means bill provides \$15 million for cities and towns across the state; about \$48 million for state snow and ice removal; and \$71 million to pay back-due nursing home bills.

The House has passed legislation providing \$32 million for state and \$15 million for municipal snow and ice removal, but it did not include the nursing home facility. Following Senate action on the bill, it will go before a House-Senate conference committee charged with working out differences between the two versions.

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LOCATION OF REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The Code of the Town of Agawam, pursuant to Chapter 3, Article IV, Section 3-9, establishes the date and time of the regular meetings of the City Council:

WHEREAS, The Code of the Town of Agawam is silent as to the location of regular and special meetings of the City Council;

WHEREAS, it will continue to the efficient and orderly operation of the business of the City Council to establish a permanent location for regular and special meetings of the City Council;

NOW THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL:

1. CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3-9 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM SHALL BE AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING AFTER THE LAST SENTENCE OF SAID SECTION 3-9:

All regular and special meetings of the Town Council shall be held in the auditorium of the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts, or such other place as the council may from time to time designate by a majority vote of said council, at the time and on the dates delineated above.

Dated this 22nd day of March 1994.

James Taylor, President

Agawam City Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Thomas S. Locke, Esquire

City Solicitor

Published: March 31, 1994

Retirement Party Set For Chief Chmielewski

A retirement party to honor longtime Agawam Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski is being planned for Tuesday, May 17th at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Chmielewski will officially step down from the

post he has held since 1979 on April 4th. Tickets will be \$25 per person. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.

More details of the retirement party will be announced in the next few weeks.



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AGAWAM RESIDENT J. PAUL MORIN receives an award from the Agawam Rotary for his efforts to keep the Main Street corridor around Agawam Center clean. From left - Rosemary Sandlin, 1st vice-president; Kathy Ayre, second vice-president; J. Paul Morin; Robert Campbell, Rotary president; and Charles Heyl, board of directors. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Rotary Club Honors J. Paul Morin For Doing His Part To Keep Main St. Clean

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

It's nice when some of the little things one does on any given day to make life a bit more pleasant receives some unexpected recognition, and so it was heartwarming on March 23rd when the Agawam Rotary Club presented its first plaque of honor for community service to J. Paul Morin of Colonial Avenue for picking up litter along Main Street.

Paul said he was thrilled with the presentation and with the beautiful black and gold on cherry wood plaque. It states:

*Agawam Rotary Club honors
J. Paul Morin
for his vigilance
in keeping Agawam clean
March 1994*

Kathy Ayre, second vice president of Rotary, presented the plaque at a luncheon, March 25th at Storowton Restaurant. It was made by C.H.H. Engraving of Agawam and was donated to the club by resident Charlie Heyl.

Paul plans to hang it in the family room of his home. Miss Ayre said that Paul has become a familiar figure walking on Main Street with his red cap and broad smile. He totes a plastic bag for holding litter he picks up during his daily walks.

Rotary decided to promote community spirit by honoring a local person each year for community service. Morin's name was among those suggested, Miss Ayre said, and it was decided to make him the first recipient.

Morin thanked Rotary for honoring him in this way and said he likes his home clean and his neighborhood clean, too. He took the occasion to commend businesses on Main Street that keep their properties clean and attractive. He also blasted those who do not.

He has been known to telephone property owners to complain about the appearance of their properties and at times, said he has offered to help. He especially cited the Agawam Center shops, where, he said, the parking lot in front of the stores is often littered with candy wrappers, strewn lottery tickets, and beverage containers.

Everyone Should Try It

In front of the premises of the former Fleet Bank (in addition to paper), drivers empty their car cigarette trays onto the walk, he said. There are also containers for depositing unwanted clothes outside the former Wallpaper Warehouse, he noted, and clothing, toys, sometimes a chair, even a couch, has littered the area for weeks. He said he hopes something can be done about it. He feels picking up on public property is one thing, on private property is another. He said each person should be responsible for his own property.

Four years ago, Paul's wife, Barbara, died and Paul started walking from his home to the Agawam Center Cemetery, where she is buried, every day that weather permits. He became aware of the trash along the road and began picking it up. Now he fills a bag on his walk south and another on his return. He has favorite places for



AGAWAM RESIDENT J. PAUL MORIN on his daily route picking up trash around the Main Street area. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

dumping the bags and amusing stories of his experiences.

At first, he said, people thought he was looking for deposit cans. "There are very few of them," he explained, and most of the trash is paper beverage containers and cups from local restaurants. Also, cigarette packages, candy and snack wrappers, hub caps, a broken basket, and milk cartons. People honk their car horns at him, and strangers as well as friends chat with him (and commend him for his efforts).

SEE J. PAUL MORIN - Page 11...

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St. Patrick's Day Celebrated At Heritage Hall



HERITAGE HALL Nursing Home's South Building celebrated St. Patrick's Day with singer Jack Barry. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE WEST SIDE TAPPERS gave a performance to residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home (East Building) on St. Patrick's Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Open Pantry In Spfld. To Hold Ninth Annual Easter Day Dinner

Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., a community service agency which provides shelter, social work advocacy, daily meals, and emergency groceries to the poor and homeless, will hold its ninth annual Easter Day Dinner at 12:00 noon this Sunday, April 3rd, at the Springfield Civic Center.

Anyone who would like to share in this community meal is welcome to attend, and there is no admission fee. Transportation to the Civic Center can be arranged for people unable to get there on their own. If a ride is needed, please call 737-5354 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Any contributions of desserts (pies, cakes, and cookies) and fruits will be greatly appreciated. The food items may be dropped off at the Civic Center after 9:00 a.m. on Easter morning. Financial donations may be sent to the Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., P.O. Box 5127, Springfield, MA 01101.

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Roast Beef Dinner At F.H. Congregational

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, April 9th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church, 21 North Westfield Street.

The menu includes juice, tossed salad, roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, rolls and butter, beverage, and dessert.

Donation is \$7 for adults, \$3.75 for children, and under five is free. A bake sale will be held during the supper.

All proceeds from the supper will be used for the church youth to travel to Europe next summer. Reservations can be made by calling JoAnn Fisher, 786-0381. If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name, the number of reservations, and your telephone number.

J. PAUL MORIN - from Page 10...

While he cleans up primarily between Middle School and the cemetery, his interest in the appearance of the entire town has grown. Even though he said everyone should pick up on his own property, he added, "There are a lot of walkers out there who could carry a bag as I do and pick up litter. There is a lot of satisfaction," he said, "in seeing an area he has picked up looking neat and clean."

Looking at the plaque, Morin said fondly that he wished his wife could see it. "She would probably think I'm crazy to be doing this. She might even be embarrassed, but my children think it is great."

Paul is the father of John Morin of Longmeadow, Dr. Robert Morin of Falls Church, Virginia, and Nancy Morin of Medford, Massachusetts.

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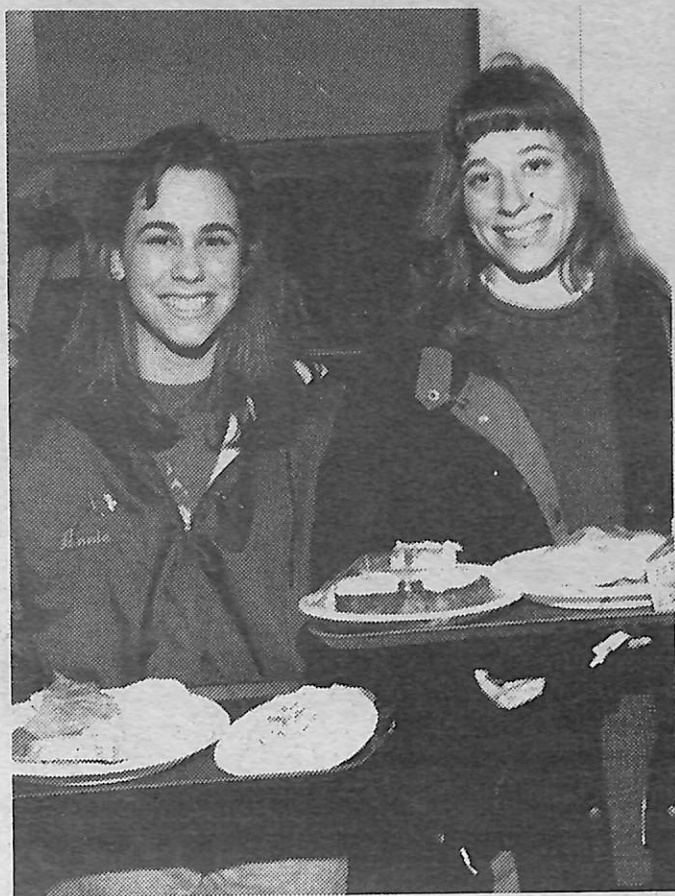
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THE BIANCA SISTERS, Annie (left) and Chris, head for their seats after getting their corned beef and cabbage dinners prepared by the Agawam Lions Club on St. Patrick's Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN PHOTO BELOW, one of Agawam's more famous Irishmen, Town Councilor Thomas Ennis, enjoys his traditional St. Patrick's Day meal with his daughter, Kaleena Rose, at the Annual Agawam Lions Club event; IN PHOTO ABOVE, the Bovat girls, Laura and Lynn, will have to work hard to finish all the food on their plates. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB First Vice-President Joe Bianca and President Bob Gravel were elated over the turnout at the St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper at the Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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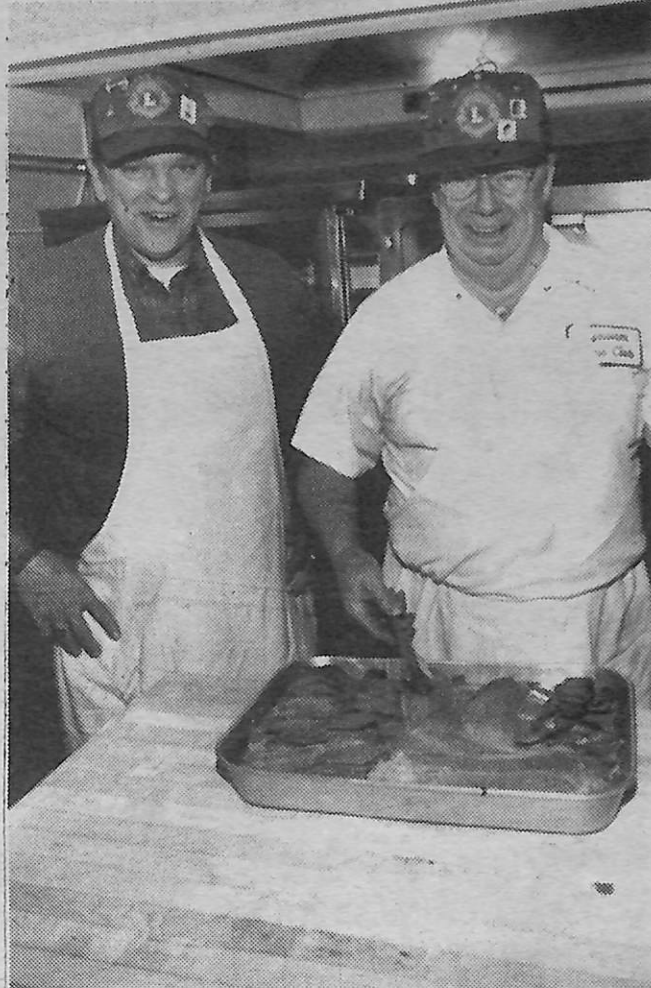
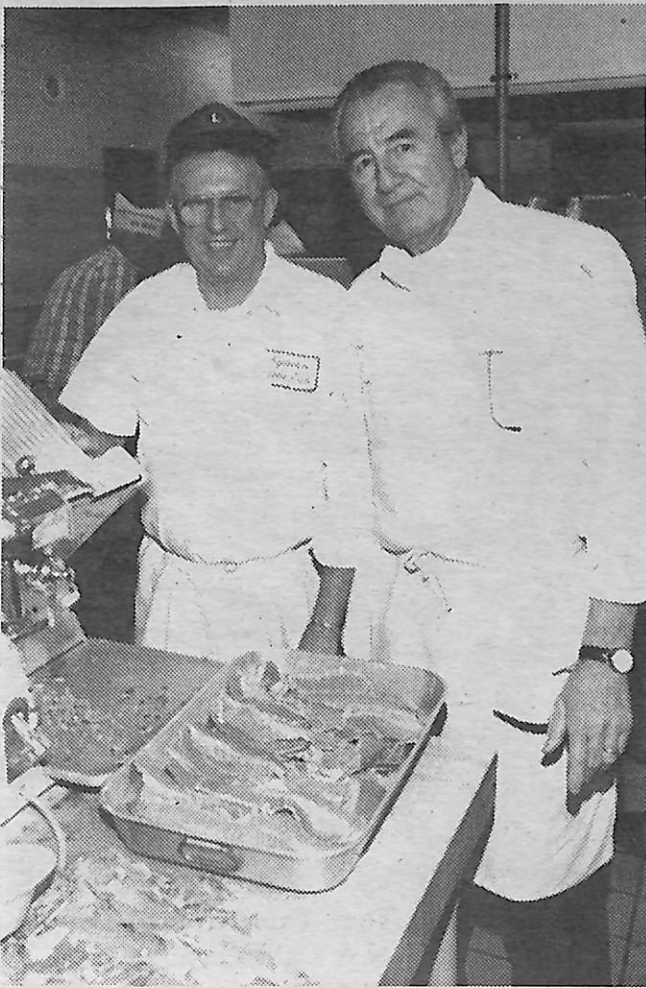
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AT THE ANNUAL AGAWAM LIONS CLUB Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper at the Middle School, from left - Paul Fieldstad, John Negrucci, George Fedora, and Jim Loomis in the kitchen; John Negrucci (always ready for the camera) and his daughter, Dawn Ushmann, and his granddaughter, Jessica, who was celebrating her first birthday. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

IRS Says Parents Can Add On Incomes Of Their Children

Under certain conditions, parents can include their children's income on their 1993 federal income tax returns and not file separate returns for the children.

A child's income may be included on the parent's tax return if the child:

- (1) is under age 14 on January 1st, 1994,
- (2) had income only from interest and dividends (including Alaska Permanent Fund dividends),
- (3) such gross income was more than \$500 but less than \$5,000, AND
- (4) had no Federal income tax withheld from his or her income (backup withholding) and did not make estimated tax payments for 1993.

In addition, the parents must meet certain requirements. For instance, if you and the child's other parent are not filing a joint return, special rules apply to determine which parent may make the election. IRS Publication 929, *Tax Rules for children and Dependents*, provides more information.

Parents can make the election to claim a child's interest and dividend income on their returns by completing Form 8814, "Parents' Election to Report Child's Interest and Dividends," and attaching the form to their federal income tax returns.

The Internal Revenue Service advises that although this type of filing is advisable, parents may want to figure their tax separately from the child's and use the method most beneficial in tax savings for both.

The above-mentioned form and publication can be sent to you by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

F.H. Women's Club To Meet April 6th

The April meeting of the Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on Wednesday evening, April 6th, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall, North West Street, Feeding Hills. A representative from the Agawam Lions Club will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served by Ann Waniewski and her committee. Guests are welcome.

Members should make reservations and payment for the annual banquet to be held on Wednesday evening, May 4th, 1994, at the Monte Carlo Restaurant. For reservations, please call Rita Matys, 789-2185, or Thelma Gardner, 786-6706.

Agawam Lioness Club Slates Next Meeting For Monday, April 4th

The Agawam Lioness Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, April 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street.

A baked breast of chicken dinner will be served, followed by several crafters demonstrating tee-shirt designing, lampshade cutting, designer fans, ceramics, and mop dolls.

All club members are encouraged to bring a friend, and anyone interested in attending may make reservations by calling Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

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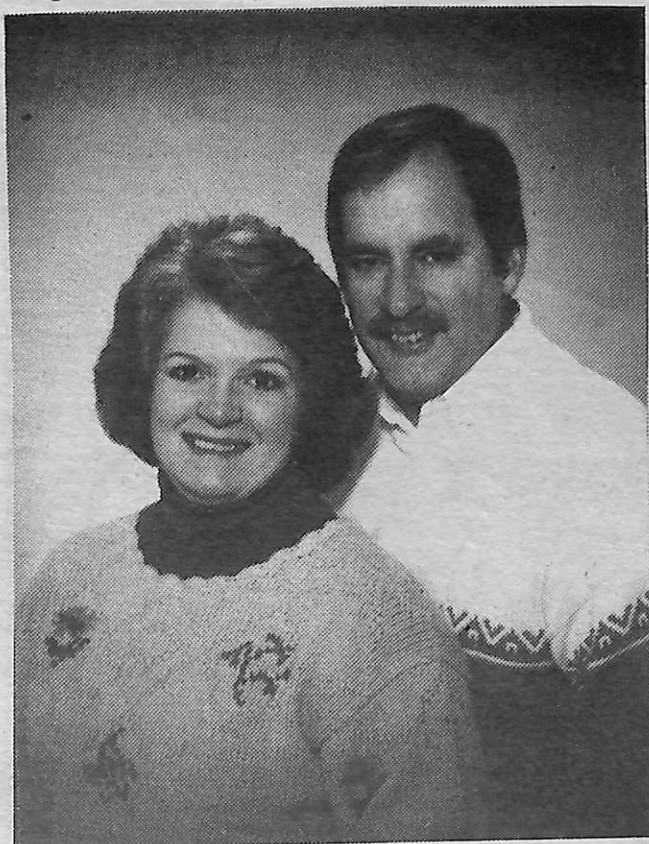


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Schneiders Celebrate 25th Anniversary

On Saturday, March 19th, the family and close friends of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Schneider gave them a 25th wedding anniversary party at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

The couple, living on Althea Drive, have two children; Brian in Oklahoma, and Karen, a sophomore at Westfield State College.

Grange Activities For Month Of April

Community Grange No. 382, Inc., hopes that spring and Easter will usher in a marked change from the doldrums of this past winter.

During the first week of April, a degree night is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th, with inspection by State Deputy Carolyn Meunier of Whately. A Harvest Supper precedes the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The Feeding Hills Women's Club will meet at the Grange Home on Wednesday, April 6th, at 7:30 p.m. with a speaker from the Agawam Lions Club.

Card parties will be held as usual on the first and third Thursdays of the month (April 7th and 21st). Grocery prizes will be given and refreshments will be served free of charge, with Barbara Provost and Sam Impoco as hosts. Play starts at 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, April 8th, Community Grange will host the Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange for a regular meeting.

The following week in April has only two meetings scheduled: on Monday, April 11th, the Junior Grange will meet at 6:30 p.m. with Pauline Provost, leader; and the Hampden County Beekeepers' meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14th, at 7:30 p.m.

An Open Meeting for Community Grange is planned for Tuesday, April 19th, when the National Community Citizen Award will be presented to Mrs. Rivers, the Town Nurse.

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Agawam Lions Out To Support Irish



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Jim Willis, Tom Vella, and Charles Cavanaugh, Jr., serve corned beef at the club's Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper on March 17th. RELATED PHOTOS ON TWO PREVIOUS PAGES. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

IRS Says Working Parents Can Receive Tax Break By Declaring Child Care

For many, the costs of day care are a necessary part of working, but there is a way to ease the burden a bit. Working parents who pay someone to care for their children so they can work may get a tax break.

The credit for child and dependent care can be as much as \$720 for the care of one qualifying child, or \$1,440 for two or more children. Qualifying parents can subtract the credit from the tax owed on their federal income tax return.

Generally, to qualify for the credit, the parent and spouse if married, must work or be looking for work. There are exceptions for students and disabled spouses. The child must be under age 13 or disabled when the care was provided.


For those who file Form 1040, the credit is figured on Form 2441. Form 2441 is attached to the tax return. Form 1040A filers use Schedule 2.

To claim the credit, parents must list the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of

the care provider. If they cannot get the identification number, the parents should list the efforts made to get the number. Generally, married taxpayers must file a joint return to get the credit.

Lower-income working parents who have newborns should note that there is an additional earned income credit (EIC) for a child born in 1993. If they qualify for the EIC, parents should figure out how much they would get for the additional EIC for a child born in 1993. They should compare this with the amount they could get for the child care credit. The parents should then claim the credit that gives the greater benefit. Qualifying parents can claim either the additional EIC or the child care credit, but not both.

For more information on these credits, get Publications 503, *Child and Dependent Care Expenses*, and 596, *Earned Income Credit*. You can order free tax forms and publications from the Internal Revenue Service by calling 1-800-829-3676.



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AGAWAM DAY was once again held in Florida and another large gathering of town residents was on hand. IN TOP PHOTO (standing) - John Chriscola, Al Martel, Evie Martel, Tish Pisano, and Larry Pisano. Seated - Ken & Betty Grady. IN PHOTO BELOW - Julia Crawford (standing) was the winner of a painting by Agawam resident David Gallano. Seated are Evie Martel and Betty Grady.



Alice Bishop Receives 45-Year Vets Pin


Alice Bishop of Agawam was a guest at the head table recently for the 75th anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary to Post No. 70 of Springfield. Auxiliary No. 70 is one of the oldest in the Department of Massachusetts.

Also guests at the head table were Kathleen Clement (state president), Ethel Clement (state treasurer), Julie Morin (district president), Anthony Pellegrino (district commander), William McCarthy (state commander), and Barbara Ratelle (Auxiliary 70 president).

Service pins were awarded from five years up to 65 years. Alice Bishop received a 45-year pin.

Patricia Mercure of Auxiliary 70 was chairwoman of the event. A roast beef dinner was served, followed by dancing.

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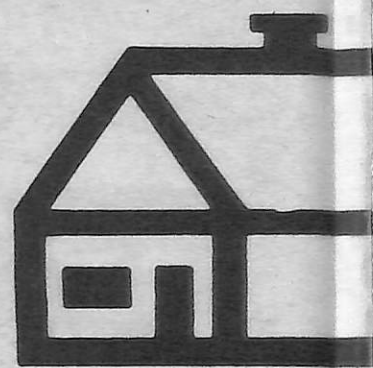
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Awards Luncheon For Senior Center Pool Club



THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER POOL CLUB held an awards luncheon at Alexander's Restaurant on March 21st. IN PHOTO LEFT, John Balas, treasurer of the Pool Club, receives a check for \$200 from Al LePore, a member of the Polish American Club's Bingo Committee. The money will be put towards keeping the tables and equipment at the Senior Center in good shape. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Pool Club members Chet Comins and Charlie Rascona look over two of the trophies that were presented. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, April 4th: Pasta & egg soup, chicken filet sandwich, carrot coins, orange.

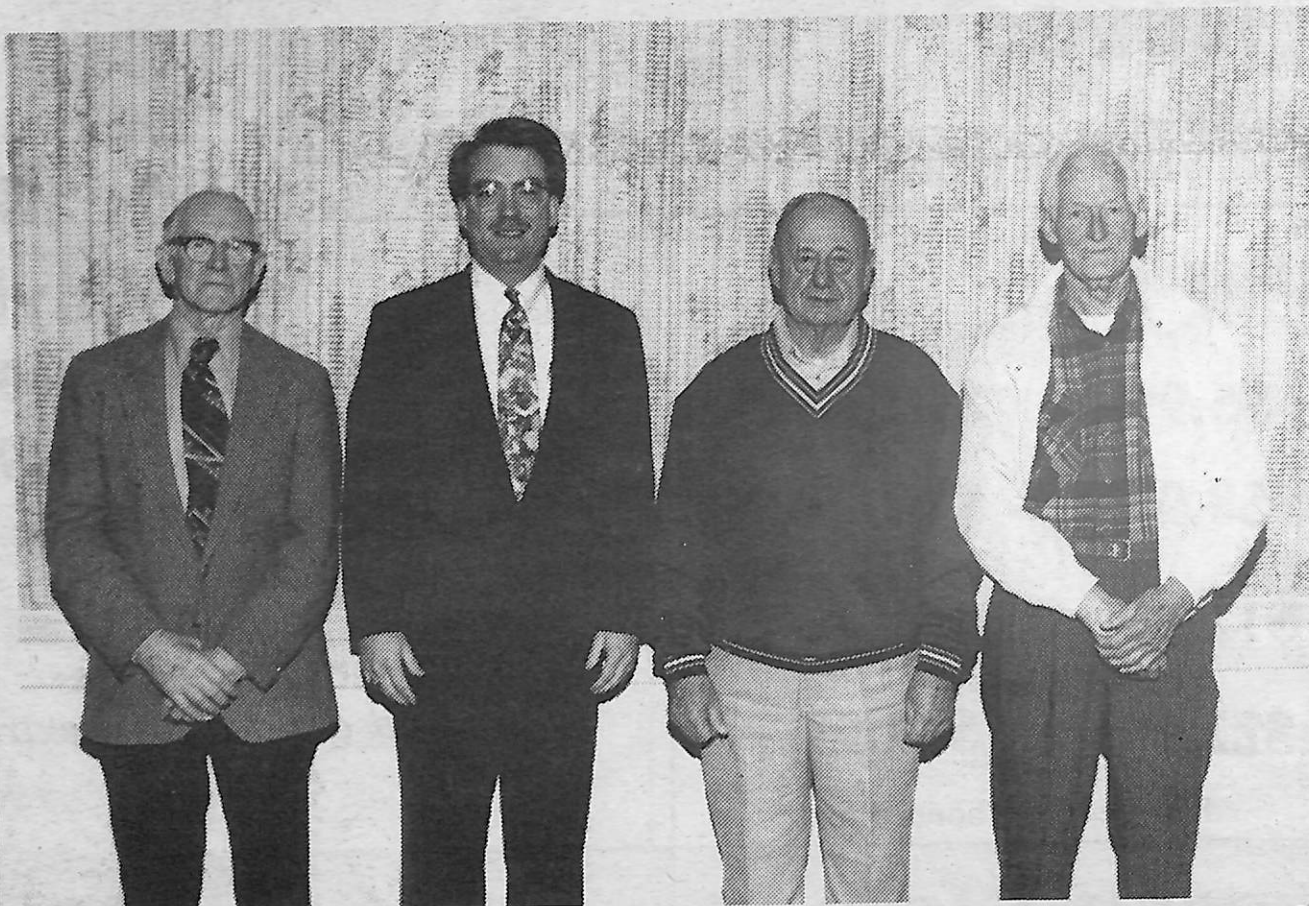
Tuesday, April 5th: Birthdays and anniversaries—Meatballs & ziti, broccoli & cauliflower, garlic bread, cake.

Wednesday, April 6th: Chicken pot-pie (chicken potatoes, peas, carrots, celery), tossed salad, whole wheat bread, baked custard.

Thursday, April 7th: Grape juice, escalloped potatoes and ham, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, canned peaches.

Friday, April 8th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, pickled beets, rye bread, prunes.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON was a guest of the Agawam Senior Center Pool Club at Alexander's Restaurant. From left - Ted Dynia, Mayor Johnson, John Balas, and Bill Case. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Church News

April Events At Valley Comm. Church

Valley Community Church announces its calendar of events for the month of April.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd:

6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service

The Feeding Hills Congregational Church will be joining us for this early Sunrise Service. Won't you join us too? Coffee with donuts and danish will be served after the Service.

10:00 a.m. - Easter Celebration Service.

Both services will be performed by the Rev. Stephen Dennehy, Associate Minister.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8th:

7:30 p.m. - Family Musical "Oliver" at the Red Door Theater

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th:

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.: "Community famous" CHICKEN SUPPER

7:30 p.m. - Family Musical "Oliver" at the Red Door Theater

SUNDAY, APRIL 10th:

10:00 a.m. - Church Service and Sunday School -Rev. Stephen Dennehy, Associate Minister

2:00 p.m. - Family Musical "Oliver" at the Red Door Theater

FRIDAY, APRIL 15th:

7:30 p.m. - Family Musical "Oliver" at the Red Door Theater

SATURDAY, APRIL 16th:

7:30 p.m. - Family Musical "Oliver" at the Red Door Theater

SUNDAY, APRIL 17th:

10:00 a.m. - Church Service and Sunday School -Rev. Stephen Dennehy, Associate Minister

SUNDAY, APRIL 24th:

10:00 a.m. - Church Service and Sunday School -Rev. Stephen Dennehy, Associate Minister

SATURDAY, APRIL 30th:

6:00 p.m. - Mission Celebration Supper

SUNDAY, APRIL 31st:

10:00 a.m. - Church Service and Sunday School -Rev. Stephen Dennehy, Associate Minister

Valley Community Church is located "HIGH ON A HILLTOP" at 152 South Westfield St. in Feeding Hills. Our doors, as always, are open to one and all. Any further information can be obtained by calling the church secretary at 786-2445.

3 Easter Services At Ag. Congregational

There will be three Easter Services at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam. Sunrise Service will be held at 5:24 a.m. at Provin Mountain, on the east lawn. There will also be 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

Plan on attending one or all three. From 6:45 to 8:45 a.m., there will be a Ham & Egg Breakfast held in Fellowship Hall. There will also be a Continental Breakfast from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. Donations requested.

Good Friday Service for the Junior & Senior High Youth will be 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. We will also be staying for the Ecumenical Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Each child should bring their own basket or bag, and dress for the weather.

All are welcome.

Mark your calendars today! The "Spring Festival" sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society will be held on Saturday, April 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come and join the celebration of springtime where you will find a "Garden Gate," "Country Gift Shop," "Nutmeg Bakery," "The Cutting Edge," and many more booths.

Stop at the "Daffodil Lunch Cafe" for rest and refreshment. Enjoy a chicken salad plate, ham & potato salad, or seafood roll with lemon delight or fresh fruit for dessert.

Local crafters will also be showing their wares.

Ecumenical Easter Service On Good Friday At Ag. Congo

There will be an Ecumenical Good Friday Service held at the Agawam Congregational Church at 7:00 p.m.

Come and listen to the Ecumenical Choir that will share their voices in harmony for this special service. The service is sponsored by the Agawam clergy.

All are welcome to attend.

Popular Chicken Sup. At Valley Community

Due to popular demand, Valley Community Church will again be holding its "Community famous" CHICKEN SUPPER on Saturday, April 9th.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., featuring chicken, stuffing, potatoes, two hot vegetables, salads, cranberry sauce, and rolls with butter. After eating all this, you have to save room for the tremendous dessert table, featuring sweet, fattening, luscious desserts. Beverage is also included.

The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for children. Reservations should be made by calling the church at 786-2445.

After enjoying this tummy-filling supper, walk a few steps over to the Red Door Theater to watch the smash Broadway family musical, "Oliver." Not only will you save \$1 on the admission cost, you will have a chance to see your own community theater players in action.

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Holy Week Services At Sacred Heart

All parishioners are invited to Holy Week Services at Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, and to pray for one another and for God's blessing on our parish.

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m., Evening Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday: 11:00 a.m., Children's Prayer Service, and at 7:00 p.m., Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord.

Saturday: 12:00 noon, Blessing of Food; 7:00 p.m., Easter Vigil Liturgy.

Easter Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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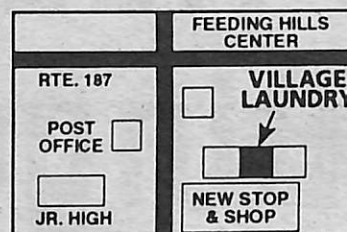


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Church News - continued...**Easter Activities At F.H. Congregational**

On March 31st at 6:00 p.m., Feeding Hills Congregational Church, North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, will have their Maundy Thursday service. It will begin by sharing a pot-luck supper, after which the Board of Deacons will present a short program about the symbols and their significance of the Seder meal in our lives today.

At 7:30 p.m., they will move to the church sanctuary for the Tenebrae service. At this service, there will be special music, selected readings from the Bible, and Communion will be served. Feeding Hills Congregational Church believes in open Communion and all are welcome to partake.

Easter Sunday, April 3rd, will include welcoming the new permanent minister, the Reverend Robert Donaldson. His sermon at the 10:00 a.m. service will be "The Gambler."

At this service, there will be special music provided by the Senior Choir, and the Junior Choir will also be singing.

Easter Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m., the congregation will be joining the Valley Community Church in their Easter sunrise service. After the service, members will return to their church for the traditional Easter morning breakfast.

The Sunday School will continue the Heifer International Program through Sunday, April 3rd. This will be the last Sunday to make a contribution to purchase rabbits for the Heifer Project.

Sunday School classes for all age groups and morning worship are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Nursery service is available and visitors and friends are cordially invited.

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The Mayor of Agawam will ordinarily make an award or reject all bids received on this bid.

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For Building Fund**

St. David's Episcopal Church, Springfield Street, Agawam, will sponsor a dinner to benefit its building fund on Saturday, April 23rd.

The dinner will be held at American Legion Hall (next to St. David's), Post No. 185, with servings at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Cost for adults is \$7, and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

The menu will include baked ham, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, herbed carrots, rolls & butter, coffee, tea or milk, and a homemade dessert table.

To purchase tickets, please call St. David's (between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.) at 786-6133, Mary (734-4296), Betty (786-3564), or Vivian (737-3793).

Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

**Nocturnal Adoration
Society To Meet In
West Spfld. April 8th**

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Louis de France Church, Main Street, West Springfield, to conduct and pray The Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday evening, April 8th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

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Spotlight On Business

Casino Gambling Topic Of Meeting By Agawam Chamber

On Friday, March 18th, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce sponsored an interesting discussion on the economic development in Western Massachusetts that included the subject of casino gambling as well as updates on other areas involving development in Agawam.

Over 60 people from the chamber and guests listened intently to what the panel had to offer. The moderator for the event was Agawam Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. The four-member panel presenting their views included State Representative Michael P. Walsh, Jack O'Neill, Executive Director of the Convention Bureau, Allan Blair, President of the Westover Metro Development Corp., and Jeffrey Ciuffreda, Vice President of the Chamber, Governmental Affairs.

These panel members answered prepared questions, as well as questions from Mayor Johnson and the audience, on what they see being done to improve the economy in our area. Questions regarding casino gambling, the Agawam Industrial Park, health care reform, and other current and future legislation affecting the businesses of Agawam were answered by the panel.

In attendance, along with Agawam businesses, were State Senator Linda Melconian, Springfield Chamber President Jim Shriver, Riverside Park owner Ed Carroll, and City Council President James Taylor, as well as other members of the Agawam City Council.

While casino gambling seemed to be the hot issue of the day, there was not yet enough information on what it would bring to the community, whether it be positive or negative. However, both Jack O'Neill and Mike Walsh seemed to agree that if and when casino gambling comes to Western Mass., the region as a whole would share in the benefits and that it should not come down to a competition between Springfield and Agawam, or any other local community that wants it. In other words, there should be only one casino in the area.

On another subject, Allan Blair mentioned that the Agawam Industrial Park continues to be the most complete and most successful regional park in the Western Mass. area. By working with leads forwarded through the Chamber office, he continues to show the Park frequently and was optimistic that it would be even more successful once Route 57 is completed.

Jeff Ciuffreda answered several questions regarding any new legislation that might affect the business community of Agawam. He stated that he is continually being informed of any legislation that would affect Western Massachusetts. He briefly discussed health care reform.

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PANEL MEMBERS who discussed economic development and casino gambling in Western Mass. at a meeting of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce included, from left - Jeff Ciuffreda, vice-president of the Chamber's Government Affairs; Allan Blair, president, Westover Metro Development Corporation; Jack O'Neill, executive director of Pioneer Valley Convention Bureau; and Michael P. Walsh, Agawam state representative. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PROGRAM COMMITTEE of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce who put together the discussion on economic development and casino gambling included, from left - Pat Carley, Jean Falk, Rita Ducharme, Denise Vogel, and Kurt Welker. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**DOTS' "Fabulous Fashions" To Open In W. Springfield**

While shopping to enhance their spring wardrobes, shoppers can experience an exciting retailing concept guaranteed to help stretch a family budget and highlight the latest fashions. Starting Thursday, March 31st, it's **DOTS** in Century Center on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

DOTS offers top quality, name brand ladies' fashions in misses, junior, and plus sizes, along with intimate apparel and great accessories. At **DOTS**, all items in the store are \$10 or less every single day of the year.

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"One of the most asked questions by a **DOTS** customer is, 'How can **DOTS** sell new fashion styles in name brands at \$10?'" said **DOTS**' VP of Merchandising. "Our buyers are constantly in search of the best buys in the market. They travel from New York to California to find the newest fashions at the best price."

In today's tough economic market, consumers are looking for great brands. At **DOTS**, they do not have to sacrifice quality and their favorite name brands for price.

DOTS' sales associates work hard to provide every customer with a positive shopping experience. **DOTS** is a fun place to shop with many of the extras customers may not expect to find at a \$10 or less store, including a "No Questions Asked" returns policy, acceptance of most major credit cards, and excellent service by friendly, knowledgeable clerks.

Providing great fashion and exceptional customer service is the major focus at **DOTS**. The company's success is largely based on the fact that they listen and respond to their customer's needs. Every customer response card is reviewed by the President and followed with a personal reply.

Mary Piquette Now GRI Designate

George R. Yerrall, IV, President of Stearns & Yerrall Realtors, announces that Mary Piquette of the Agawam Sales office, recently had conferred upon her the designation of Graduate, REALTOR Institute (GRI).

The GRI designation signifies 90 hours of advanced in-class real estate education. Realtors who have passed the GRI examinations are recognized as having attained one of the highest professional levels in residential real estate.

The Realtor Institute is a program of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors and meets the rigid standards set for such programs by the National Association of Realtors. Its purpose is to enable realtors to better service their clients and customers through education and training in real estate.

Mary Piquette resides in West Springfield.

Ag. Clerical Union Plans Flea Market Trip

The Agawam Clerical Union is planning a bus trip to the Flea Market at the Roosevelt Raceway in Westbury, New York on Sunday, April 10th.

The bus will depart from Agawam Town Hall at 7:00 a.m. sharp, and will return at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$16. Plan on packing a lunch. A stop at a restaurant on the way home will be made.

Reservations must be in by April 1st. For reservations, call Joan at 786-0400, ext. 205, or George at 786-0400, ext. 221, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Sherry McKinnon Joins Feeding Hills Staff Of Landry, Lyons, & Whyte Company

Laurence D. Landry, President of LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Co./Better Homes and Gardens, announces that Sherry McKinnon has joined the company's Feeding Hills office as a Sales Associate.

Sherry has lived in the Western Massachusetts area for the last 10 years. She has much experience in the real estate industry and have been very successful in this field. Sherry has taken several real estate classes in order to keep up

with all new ideas, in order to serve her clients and customers more effectively.

LANDRY, LYONS & WHITE Co./Better Homes and Gardens is the largest real estate firm in the Pioneer Valley and has over 200 salespeople and 10 offices with locations in Springfield, Chicopee, Feeding Hills, Sixteen Acres, Longmeadow, Palmer, West Springfield, Westfield, and Wilbraham.

For further information, please contact Laurence D. Landry at (413) 785-1881.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Century 21**by
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Now that you've made the decision to sell your home, you'll want to look at it differently. It's now a house for sale, and looking at it through "buyers' eyes" can help you package it to sell more quickly.

The Century 21 System has a videotape available through your local CENTURY 21 office that will give you ideas and help you organize what needs to be done to "Dress Your House For Success."

Dressing your house for success doesn't need to be expensive or overly time-consuming. You can borrow or rent the "extras" like decorative house plants or lawn furniture to make your house really memorable. And, if you don't have enough time to do the cleaning or repair work, consider hiring a professional. It could save you time and money later.

Consult with your real estate agent to help you establish a plan. They know best what is important to buyers in your market area, and you'll want to concentrate on those things that really make the difference toward a successful sale.

When you begin preparing your house for market, start outside and work your way in, keeping in mind the importance of first impressions.

It is estimated that more than half of all houses are sold before the buyers even get out of their cars! Stand across the street from your house and review its curb appeal. Remember, you need to think like a buyer now and have a critical eye! What can you do to improve that very first impression?

When you are ready to begin work, use the plan that you and your real estate agent put together, paying particular attention to the following key steps:

Uncluttering makes every room, closet, and storage area look larger and feel neater. If a house is cluttered, buyers have trouble imagining themselves in it. By removing or storing things you don't need, you create a roomy, comfortable feeling that will be inviting to prospective buyers. Remember, when in doubt, throw it out, sell it, or give it away!

Cleaning makes your house easy for buyers to explore and gives the impression that it has been well cared for. Be sure every room smells as good as it looks, paying special attention to pet areas and bathrooms. Some fresh paint and one-time professional cleaning service can make your house look like new.

Repairing eliminates buyers' objections before they arise. If you think something is too much trouble to fix, chances are buyers will, too. Buyers tend to think repairs will cost more than they do.

Neutralizing helps buyers see their own things in your house and picture themselves living there. Neutral paint, decor, and carpeting create a home for any lifestyle. Eliminating distracting colors and accessories lets buyers concentrate on positive impressions.

Dynamizing makes the exterior and every room of your house special. Since it is competing with many other houses on the market, you need to make it stand out and be memorable. Look in magazines and catalogs for ideas. From the front door to the basement, from fresh flowers to fresh smells, this is the finishing touch!

Showtime is the final step before each time your house is shown. Identify jobs and assign them to make this step quick and easy. If you keep up daily, SHOWTIME will be easier for you and your family.

(John Schuler is the Owner/Broker of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located in Feeding Hills [789-1117].)

*All the local news
with us, each week***Anne H. Kelley Of Stearns & Yerrall
Completes Advanced Course In Marketing**

Anne H. Kelley has completed an advanced course in marketing new homes, conducted by the Residential Sales Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute in Springfield, MA.

"The expected resurgence in construction of new homes will be met by a host of new sales and marketing techniques designed to meet the changing needs of today's potential homeowner," said Anne.

"This new course clearly identifies the totally different marketing needs of the builder-developer in presenting the values of newly constructed residences to potential buyers."

Kelley said that the sales associate can perform many services that benefit both the builder and the home buyer, bringing both of them together in one buying process.

The course paid attention to the sale and marketing tools that are important in presenting the features of new homes to prospects.

The course is one of the required educational sequences that must be taken by real estate agents in the program that will qualify them for the prestigious "Certified Residential Specialist" (CRS) designation.

Kelley is also a member of the Springfield Board of Realtors, the Massachusetts Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

The Residential Sales Council is dedicated to the education of sales associates, offering courses, texts, publications and services to assist in the professional career growth of sales associates.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...**Local Businesses To Be Honored During Small Business Week**

Agawam Chamber President Kurt Welker and Small Business Chairman Tom Trant have announced that Agawam will be participating in observing Small Business Week in May by honoring five to 10 successful small businesses.

The Small Business Council of Greater Springfield is planning the event, to be held on Wednesday, May 4th.

If you know a small business success story, whether it's yours or someone else's, the chamber would like to hear from you!

Your success story, or that of someone you know, should include one of positive examples of overcoming adversity, innovation in products or services, giving a helping hand to the Agawam community, or anything you may think may be an inspiration to other small businesses.

What is a small business? There are different definitions for different types of companies, but almost all companies in Agawam qualify as small businesses, as defined by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Also, the Agawam business that you choose to nominate does not have to be a member of the Agawam Chamber in order to participate in this selection program.

What do you have to do to apply? Simply state on a page or less why the company you nominate should be honored as a small business success story and send it to: **Small Business Successes, c/o Agawam Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 531, Agawam, MA 01001.**

You may include supporting documentation such as news articles or letters from customers or community groups. The deadline for entries is **Friday, April 15th.** Representatives from the companies selected by the Agawam Chamber will attend the Small Business Success Banquet as guests of the Agawam Chamber on May 4th.

There are dozens of Agawam businesses with stories that should be told. If you believe you are one, or know one, then please submit your nominations today and join the chamber in celebration of Small Business Week this May.

Dunkin' Donuts To Send Kids To Easter Seal Camp

Dunkin' Donuts customers get a chance to help send children with disabilities to Easter Seal Camp this summer at the same time they save \$10.

From March 28th until April 24th, Dunkin' Donuts shops in the Agawam area are offering customers "Send a Kid to Camp" coupon books

for \$1. The \$1 goes to Easter Seals to fund summer camp for children with disabilities. The coupons are worth \$10 at Dunkin' Donuts shops.

Last year's "Send an Easter Seal Kid to Camp" program raised \$58,000 to help 230 disabled youngsters from Massachusetts enjoy Easter Seal camps in Maine and Connecticut.

Fred the Baker has set this year's goal even higher, saying, "Easter Seals is celebrating 50 years of empowering people with disabilities. I want as many kids as possible to celebrate at camp."

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ALICIA FERRIS

"End Results" Salon To Open In F.H. Ctr.

We're not April foolin'—there's a new business in town that is opening on April 1st, and you're going to be pleased with the "End Results."

End Results is the town's newest full-service hair salon, located in the former Decorating World, Inc., at the Feeding Hills intersection (in rear of Dunkin' Donuts building).

The business is owned and operated by 17-year hairstyling veteran Catherine Marble, who is excited to finally manage her own business.

"The customer and family requests mounted for me to open my own salon. After a lot of encouragement and support from everyone I know, I decided this is the right time to do it," said Marble.

A graduate of Kay Harvey, she has worked in several salons in the Springfield area during her career. Marble grew up in Feeding Hills and she has established a great customer base in the Feeding Hills/Agawam area.

"Knowing my clients are from here, it only seemed right to stay here," she said.

Specials For Seniors

End Results will have Gold Cards for those "silver-haired sweeties" over 60 years of age. The cards are good for 20-percent off services every day of the week.

"Typically, businesses offer discounts for seniors only one day a week. They are seniors every day, not just for one day," Marble said.

What's To Offer?

End Results has three work stations, four dryers, special lighting, and Marble carries Nexxus and Goldwell products.

Joining her in the ice grey/mystic mauve Victorian motif are receptionist Lois McCarl from West Springfield, who is also affiliated with Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills.

Also, Cindy Trudel of Southwick is coming back to Feeding Hills as a hairstylist specializing in cuts and perms. And lastly, Alicia Ferris of Feeding Hills has joined Marble's staff as End Results' manicurist (Ferris also does freehand nail art with characters and designs).

Make-overs and makeup application, color matching, facials, and waxing (body and bikini waxing, all done in a private room) are also offered at End Results. Marble anticipates massage services in the future.

With plenty of parking available, the hours of service at End Results are: Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The phone number is 786-6556.

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For Your Health



Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Celery For High Blood Pressure

Many people consider celery a high-sodium vegetable and avoid it if they have high blood pressure. But, researchers at the University of Chicago have isolated a chemical in celery that may help lower blood pressure.

Since 200 B.C., Asians have used celery to lower blood pressure. The pressure-lowering chemical (called 3-n-butyl phthalide) is the same chemical that gives celery its aroma.

In rat studies, the compound lowered systolic blood pressure (the top number) an average of 12 to 14 percent within a couple of weeks. The rats ate a dose equal to about four celery stalks a day. Traditional Asian doctors prescribe two stalks of celery a day and have seen systolic and diastolic blood pressure drop from 158/96 to 118/82 in a week's time.

The researchers speculate that celery lowers blood pressure by reducing blood concentrations of stress hormones that cause blood vessels to constrict. So, celery may be most effective in people who have high blood pressure that's linked to mental stress, which could include up to half of all Americans.

If you're still worried about the sodium in celery, don't be. While celery is higher in sodium than most vegetables, it contains only 35 milligrams per stalk. The average sodium limit is 2,000 mg to 2,400 mg a day. Two stalks of celery can easily fit in to your sodium budget and may actually help lower blood pressure.

If you need a blood pressure-lowering diet, call Nancy Dell, RD, for an appointment at 786-2957. Mention you read this article to receive a discount price.

Ag. Counseling Center Offers After-School Group For Girls

The Agawam Counseling Center has several openings in its after-school group for girls ages 11 to 13. This group provides an opportunity for girls to have fun, make new friends, talk about problems in a safe atmosphere, and get peer support.

The group is appropriate for girls with adjustment difficulties, problems with peer relationships, or learning disabilities. This group has been ongoing for two years and has been successful in boosting self-esteem, improving social skills, and providing an outlet for girls to express themselves about concerns they may have.

The group meets Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. The Agawam Counseling Center accepts Medicaid and most insurance (the group is free for those who have no insurance).

If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment for a screening interview, please call Nancy Jesseup at 786-6410.

"Better Breathers" To Meet At Baystate Med. Center On April 12th

On Tuesday, April 12th, at 7:00 p.m., the Better Breather Support Group for people with C.O.P.D. (asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema) will meet in the Administration Building at Baystate Medical Center (first floor, Springfield Street entrance).

The topic for discussion will be "Vacation Planning and Travelling With Asthma."

For more information, call the American Lung Association, 737-3506, or Marie Lemoine, 784-4299.

Breastfeeding Program To Be Sponsored By Baystate Med. Center

Baystate Medical Center will offer "Breastfeeding Management: Strategies for Success," on April 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Springfield Marriott.

The day-long program, sponsored by Baystate Medical Center's Breastfeeding Committee and Office of Continuing Education, is designed for pediatricians, obstetricians, midwives, nurses, nurse practitioners, lactation consultants, and other health care professionals who work with pregnant or lactating women.

The conference will include discussion on the prevention and treatment of breastfeeding problems, concerns over insufficient milk supply, and case studies of mothers and babies with special needs.

Pre-registration is required and tuition for the day is \$75 for Baystate employees and affiliated physicians, and \$95 for others. For additional information, contact Joanna Barnett, director, Continuing Education, at 784-3466.

Free Wellness Seminar At Fitness First Set For April 13th

Fitness First Racquet & Fitness Center in Feeding Hills will be offering a free wellness seminar on Wednesday, April 13th to all athletes.

The topic is "Sports Specific Stretching." Any athlete who engages in or plans to engage in sports should consider attending this informative seminar.

Many athletes (of all ages) do not realize the importance and benefit behind proper stretching prior to participating in any sport. Did you know that injury can actually be prevented if the athlete stretches properly first?

The professionals at Fitness First will be showing athletes how to avoid injury through stretching. Discussion and specific warm-up stretching will be demonstrated for softball, baseball, track, running, biking, volleyball, and swimming.

Call Fitness First to register yourself for this free hour seminar at 786-1460.

Noble Hospital's "Better Breathers" To Meet April 11th

Noble Hospital "Better Breathers Support Group" for people with C.O.P.D. (asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema) will meet Monday, April 11th, at 115 West Silver Street, Westfield, at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, ground floor.

For more information, call the American Lung Association, 737-3506, or the Respiratory Department at Noble Hospital, 568-2811.

Support Group For Mothers Of Kids That Were Abused

The Agawam Counseling Center has several openings in its support group for mothers of children who have been sexually abused. This is a group for those who would like some support in dealing with this very difficult situation and all that it brings up for them.

The group is designed to be a safe place for parents to express their feelings about what has been done to their children, to learn that they are not alone, to gain support in dealing with behavior problems, the aftermath of abuse, and the legal system.

The group meets Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. There is childcare available at the cost of \$3 per child. The Agawam Counseling Center accepts Medicaid and most insurance, and has a sliding scale fee.

For more information, contact Nancy Jessup, LICSW, at 786-6410.

Noble Hospital To Host "Skin Spots" Program On April 8th

Dr. Gary Russolillo, cosmetic plastic and reconstructive surgeon, will discuss identification of cancerous skin lesions, options of removing lesions, and prevention of skin problems at a "Skin Spots" program at Noble Hospital on Friday, April 8th. The program, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Noble Auditorium B on the ground floor.

Dr. Russolillo will be available for brief consultations following his presentation.

To register, please call Noble Hospital's HealthBEAT at 568-BEAT.

Lung Disease Program To Be Given April 11th At Agawam Library

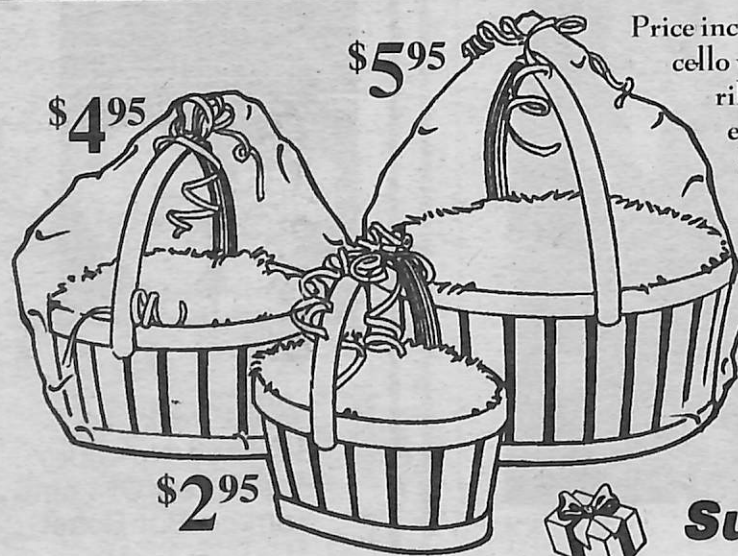
The Agawam Public Library, in conjunction with the Senior Class of Baystate Medical Center, will present a program entitled "Lung Disease -Diagnosis and Treatment" to be presented in the Community Room of the library on Monday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m.

This program will be presented by John Landis, M.D. If you would like additional information about this program, please call the Senior Class at Baystate Medical Center at 784-5200.

If you are interested in attending this free program, please call either the Senior Class at 784-5200 or the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

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AHS Graduate To Perform Once Again At The White House

The Tower Saxophone Quartet of Rochester, New York, has been invited to perform at the White House on April 4th of this year. Featuring Agawam High School graduate Jeff MacKechnie (class of 1988), the quartet will be among many other groups and artists—including Little Richard—providing entertainment on the south lawn for children and parents participating in the annual Easter egg roll.

This occasion marks the quartet's second appearance at the White House. The first performance was in December 1993 for the unveiling of the White House Christmas decorations. During that trip, they performed for President Clinton, his senior staff, and at an event hosted by Tipper Gore at the Vice Presidential Residence.

Sleeping Beauty Set For Symphony Hall On April 15th

The final show in the 1993-1994 Children's Theater Series at Symphony Hall, presented by Big Y Supermarkets and Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital, will take place on April 15th at 7:00 p.m., when the Ballet Theatre of Boston presents "The Sleeping Beauty."

Tickets, priced at \$10 and \$7.50, are on sale now at the Civic Center Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To order tickets by phone, call the Civic Center Box Office at (413) 787-6600 or (800) 639-8602, or call Ticketmaster (413) 733-2500.

A limited number of Golden Circle seats are also available for this show. A special \$2.50 discount is available (excluding Golden Circle seats) when you show your Big Y Express Savings Card, Bandy Bear Card, or Senior Class Card at the Civic Center Box Office or any Ticketmaster outlet.

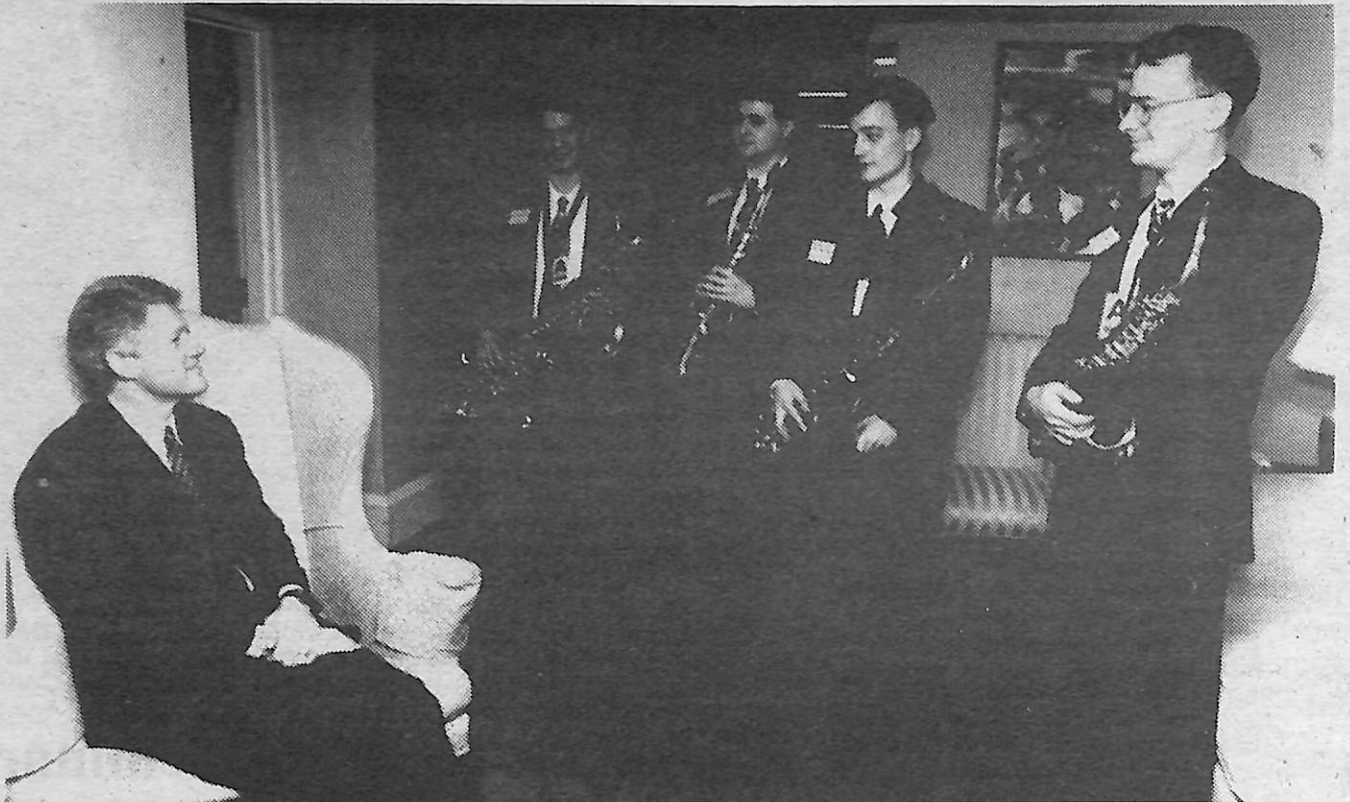
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PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON chats with members of the Tower Saxophone Quartet from Rochester, New York. Among the quartet's members is Jeff MacKechnie (far right), a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School. The Tower Saxophone Quartet appeared at the White House last December and will return for its second White House performance on April 4th, 1994.

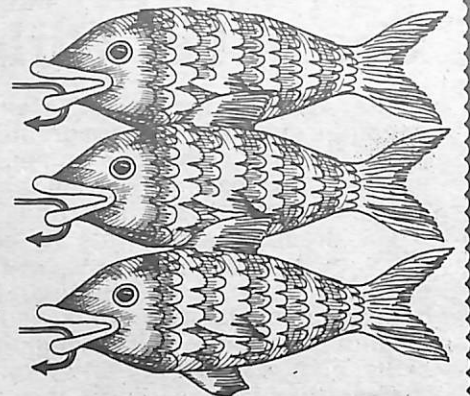
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Easter Poetry

by Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Eastertide Greetings

*The World awakens all fresh and new,
All Nature is glistening in the morning dew;
The sun has warmed the frigid Earth,
It's Easter, the day of the Savior's birth;*

*Jesus has risen this Easter Morn,
So all mankind might be re-born;
And to put all ills and sins away,
And to start life anew, with this glorious day;*

*May He always abide in your heart and soul,
And help you to reach your highest goal;
He'll fill your heart with His infinite love,
Much like His home, in the heaven above;*

*Where everyone loves his sister and brother,
And puts their needs above any other;
He'll be with you always, if you ask Him to stay,
And He'll bestow His blessings, each and every day;*

*Your life will be rich, with God by your side,
And all through the days and nights He will abide;
He comes to you this Easter Day,
To steady your journey along life's way.*

This Man From Nazareth

*He walked this Earth of many lands,
And shed His blood upon the sands,
So man could learn of His commands;*
This Man from Nazareth

*He also preached upon a hill,
So man could learn about His Will,
His precious truths, He did instill;*
This Man from Nazareth

*And when the shades of eve did fall,
He fed the hungry, one and all,
With fish and loaves of bread, so small;*
This Man from Nazareth

*They followed Him each night and day,
And marveled at the things He'd say,
They learned to walk the righteous way;*
This Man from Nazareth

*He saved a woman from disgrace,
From pelted stones upon her face,
And all transgressions did erase;*
This man from Nazareth

*And even in the dark of night,
They never left Him from their sight,
They yearned to learn the wrong from right;*
This Man from Nazareth

*He healed the sick, and rose the dead,
Made wine of water, Scriptures said,
And a band of loyal followers led;*
This Man from Nazareth

*And when bold soldiers beat and hurt,
And threw Him shamefully in the dirt,
These loyal friends, did not desert;*
This Man from Nazareth

*On one fruitless night, they toiled,
But somehow all the fish recoiled,
Their whole night's labor had been spoiled;*
This Man from Nazareth

*He walked upon the waves this night,
To help the fishermen, in their plight,
He filled their nets, to their delight;*
This Man from Nazareth

*At the wedding of His mother's friend,
When the flow of wine came to an end,
For casks of water, He did send;*
This Man from Nazareth

*He changed the water to a fine bouquet,
Far superior to the first of the day,
And saved the wedding from dismay;*
This Man from Nazareth

*When He was unjustly put on trial,
His friends stuck by Him all the while,
Only one did show denial;*
This Man from Nazareth

*He was dragged along with scourge and scorn,
With bleeding brow and body torn,
And on His head, a crown of thorns;*
This Man from Nazareth

*He suffered all this, and humbly
For all our sins, He was crucified,
His Mother, Mary, was by His side;*
This Man from Nazareth

*Let's help her lift His crown of thorns,
And take Him from His Cross of scorn,
And give Him back His World, new-born,
And sing His praises this Easter Morn.*
This Man from Nazareth

Requiem For The Death of Jesus (Good Friday)

*The gentle zephyr caresses the cross on the hill,
With the lifeless corpse of Jesus dejected and still;
The torture and agony, He endured 'til the end,
With the hope for the sins of the world, to amend;*

*The shrouded skies in midnight sorrow,
Abide the eve to console the mournful morrow;
His grieving mother, ever by His side,
To tend His wounds, 'til He humbly died;*

*His journey to death had been ordained,
So that all mankind might be sustained;
He was beaten, and flogged, with body torn,
And nailed to a cross, and crowned with thorns;*

*"He so loved the world, He suffered and died,"
God's Son, and Mary's, was crucified.*

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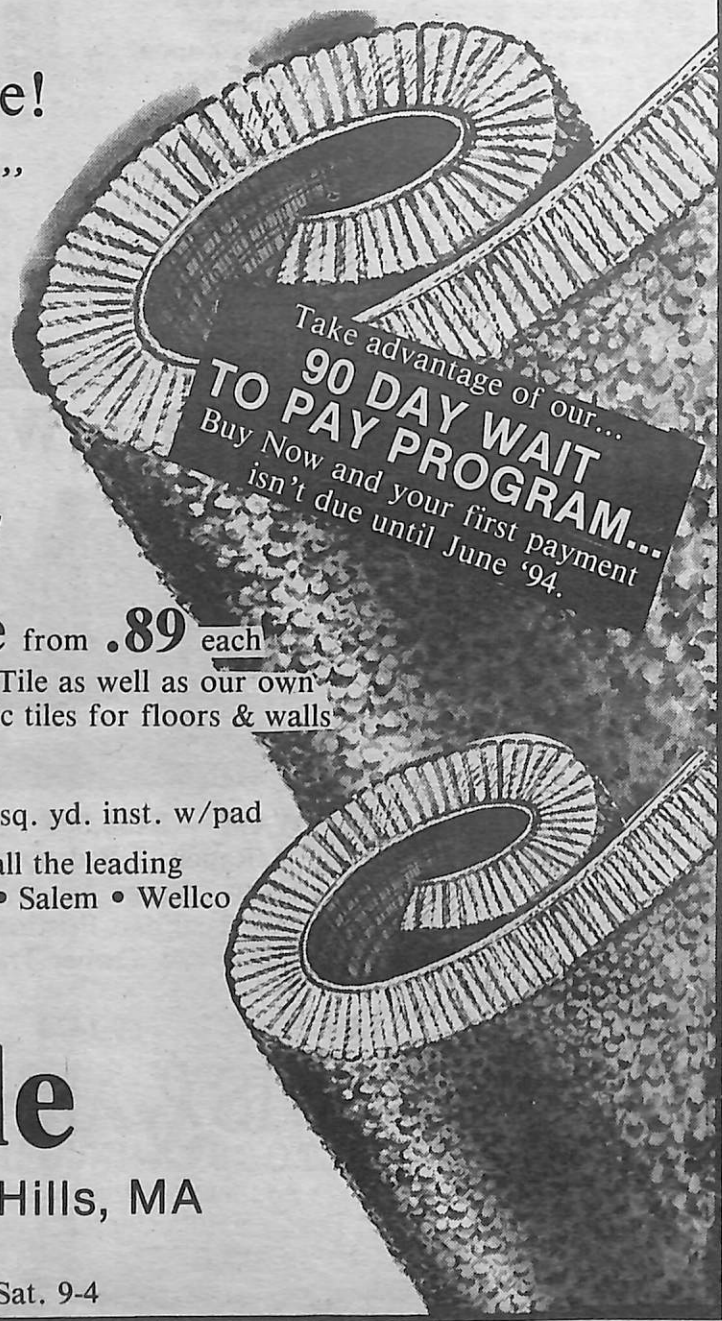
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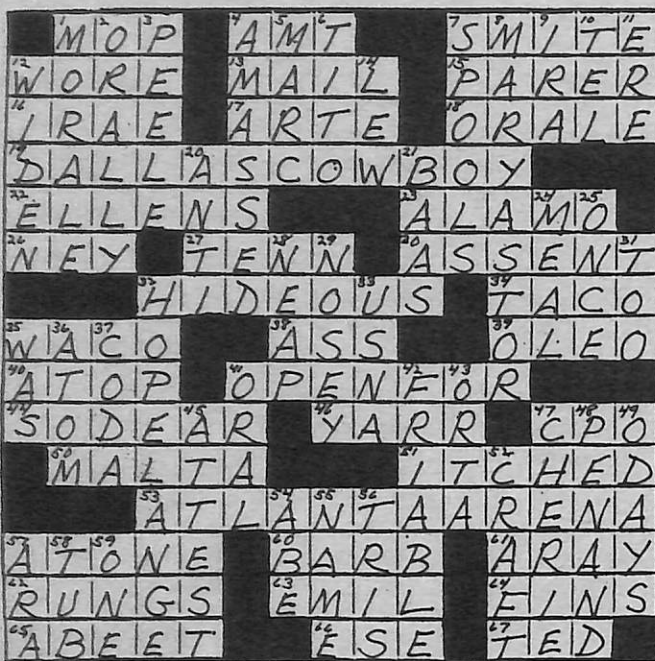
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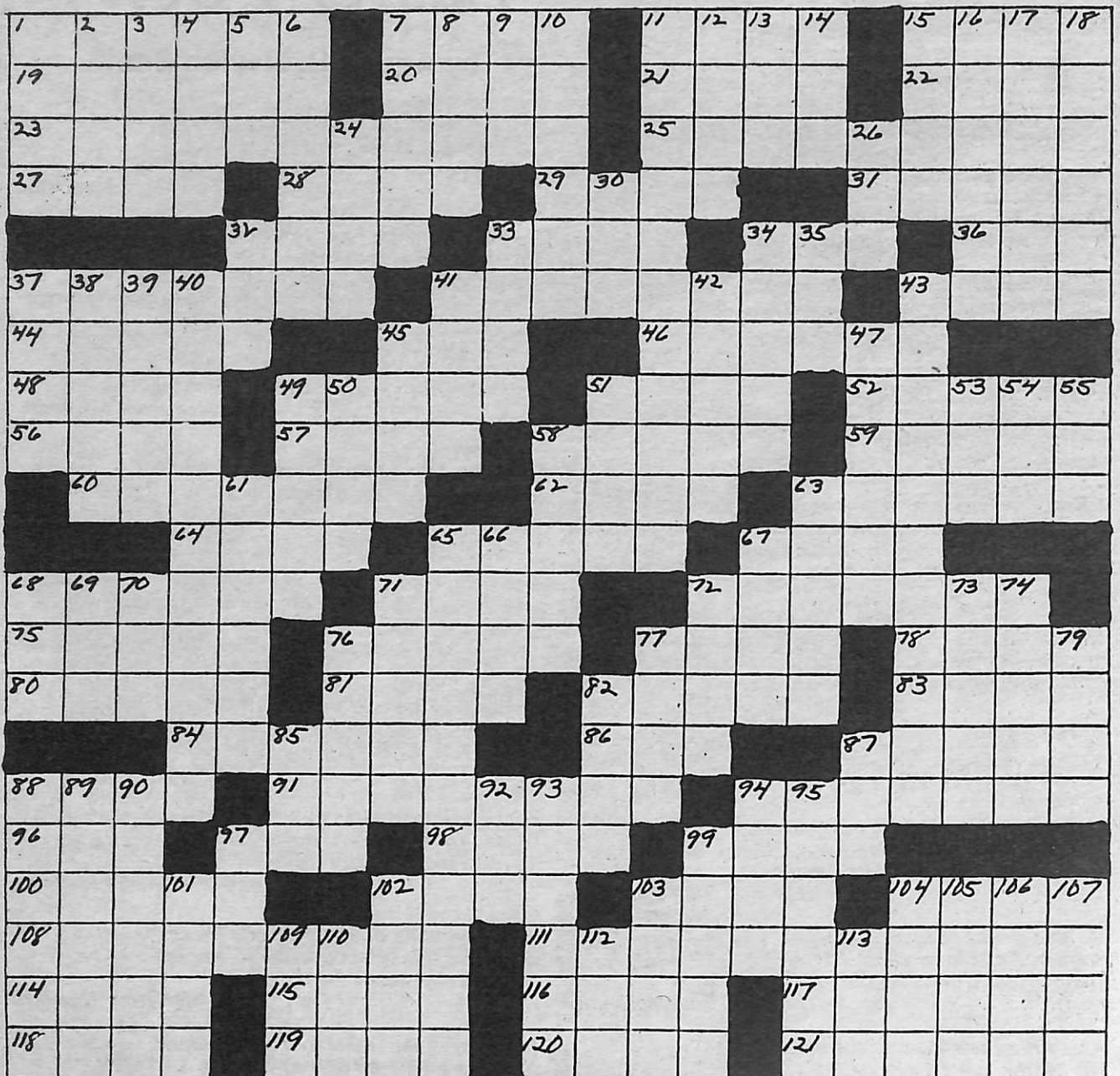
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100 Actor Nick
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103 Greek letter
104 Sound rebound
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12 Shakespearean king
13 Rather of the news
14 Put two and two together

MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastrianni



- 15 Cut
16 "— hand"
17 Mountain crest
18 Nit-wit's cousins
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26 Over to Keyes
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95 Male ducks
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KARLENE PAPADAKIS SINGS "If You Could See Me Now." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Spring Tour '94 Showcases Top AHS Talent

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Music Director Stephen Files presented an evening of first-class entertainment with his "Spring Tour Show '94" at Agawam High School on Friday, March 18th.

Files shared the emcee's spot with local freelance sound engineer Bob Casingino, who doubled as the director for the instrumentalists and arranged the back-up tapes for the performance.

The evening featured popular music, jazz, modern dance, and culminated in a medley of songs from the long-running Broadway hit, "Les Miserables."

School Committee Vice-Chairwoman Linda Galarneau said she began attending the Show Choir's performances when her daughter, now in college, was in the show. "I still come to the shows. I just enjoy it. The kids do such a great job."

Kicking off the show with a collection of tunes from the 1950's, the Show Choir invited the audience to "Let the Good Times Roll."

Sophomore John Higgins said the show opened with the 1950's revival to "liven up the audience" before getting to the more emotional music of "Les Mis."

Higgins said the Show Choir's trip to see the show on Broadway helped the students understand the songs better. "At first, when we listened to the songs, we didn't know what they meant. It's really powerful. You can really get into it."

Senior Linda Labonte agreed that seeing the show helped with the students' performances. "It helped me put that emotion into my singing."

Karlene Papadakis said "Les Miss" is her favorite Broadway show. "I know every single word and I try to sing it the way she sings it on the CD—with more emotion."

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JUSTIN CASINGHINO shows he has plenty of talent on the sax. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

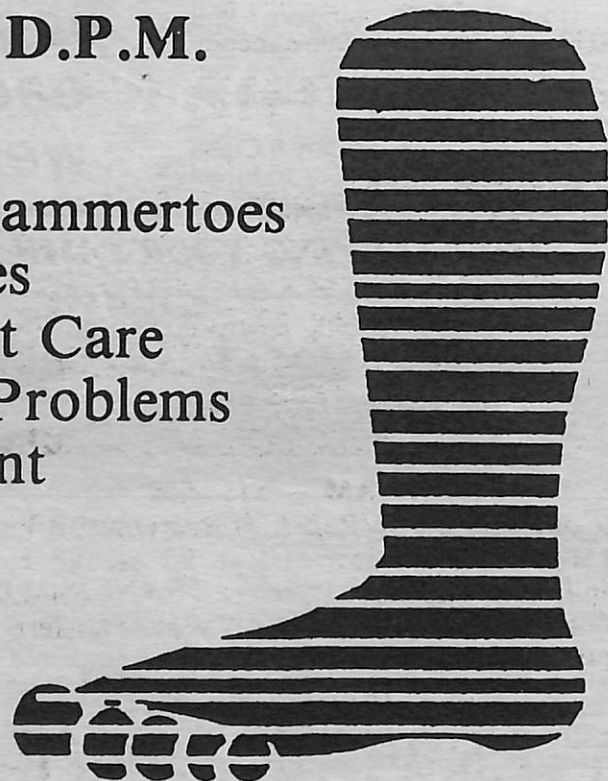
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IN PHOTO LEFT, JULIE HENDRIX drew cheers for her rendition of "Hero"; and the talents of Genevieve Rose and Steve Munley were prominently displayed at Agawam High School during the spring talent show. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

TALENT - from Page 29...

One of the evening's soloists, Karlene competes in talent contests for singers and dancers. She is planning to compete in the STARPOWER Nationals in Ocean City, Maryland this summer.

As the evening's first soloist, Justin "The Hammer" Casinghino sang "Fields of Gold," with back-up provided by AHS instrumentalists.

Meghan Albano gave a relaxed and professional rendition of "Because the Night," before the Choreography I class, clad in tank tops and harem pants, danced to a medley of songs from "Aladdin."

Karlene Papadakis took center stage for a powerful performance of "If You Could See Me Now," (with taped accompaniment) followed by the AHS Jazz Combo performing Justin Casinghino's composition, "Seven Days 'Til the Sun."

With an assist from her back-up singers and members of the AHS band, Rose Pignatere gave Dianna Ross a run for her money with her version of "Reflections."

Alone on stage, Julie Hendrix drew cheers from the audience for her performance of "Hero." According to Files, "Julie joined Show Choir in the middle of the year and came down religiously and learned all the routines."

Introducing the last soloist of the first act, Bob Casinghino noted, "Steve Munley is going to UMASS to study sound technology. He's a very talented guy."

With support from back-up singers and members of the AHS Jazz Combo, Munley accompanied himself on the keyboard in a rousing version of "All About Soul" to bring down the house on Act One.

Act Two opened with the Choreography II Class in black leotards performing to a medley of tunes

from "Cats."

Bathed in the spotlight, Genevieve Rose offered her talents as a guitar soloist performing "Caprichio Arabe." Casinghino (noted) and the audience agreed, "She certainly can play!"

With a back-up singer and assistance from AHS band members, Erica Gravel gave it her all in "These Are the Days," while Steve Sands proved a favorite of his peers in the audience with his performance of "Rose Mary."

The Choreography I Class took the stage for their interpretation of a medley of hits from "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Little Mermaid."

With the help of AHS instrumentalists and a saxophone solo by Justin Casinghino, Alisha Mattox drew a standing ovation from parts of the audience for her stirring rendition of "I Will Always Love You."

The AHS Jazz Combo's "Now's The Time" featured solos by Justin Casinghino, Steve Munley, Genevieve Rose, and Mike Baggetta.

For many in the audience, the highlight of the evening was the Show Choir's medley of hits from "Les Mis" that completed the program.

With the young men in black tuxedos and the young women in emerald green gowns, the Show Choir presented selections of the emotional high points and comic relief low points of the show. It retold the story and provided a window into the plot of the sweeping story of the dispossessed of French society leading up to a French uprising in the 1830's against the government.

Instrumentalists were Justin Casinghino, Steve Munley, Genevieve Rose, Jeff Daigneau, Mike Baggetta, Chris Benjamin, Kevin Maharne, and Joe Cecchetelli.

Show Choir soloists for the "Les Mis" medley were Meghan Albano, Suzanne Brown, Jay Gilmartin, John Higgins, Linda Labonte, Karlene Papadakis, Steve Sands, Jeff Pavelcsyk, and Kerri Pirnie.

In the program notes, Files offered special thanks to Kathy Munson for her work with the choreography classes; parent Rosalie Dialessi for help with costuming; parent Bob Casinghino for directing the instrumentalists and technical support; and College Formals for a generous discount on tuxedo rentals.

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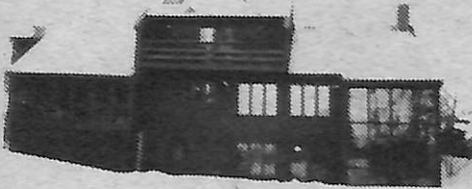
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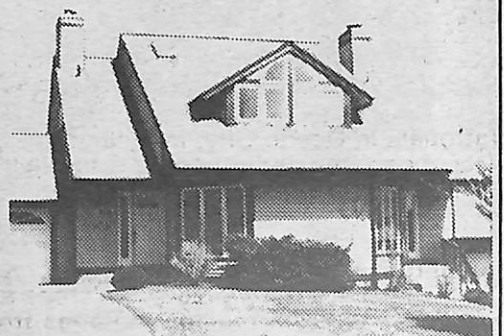
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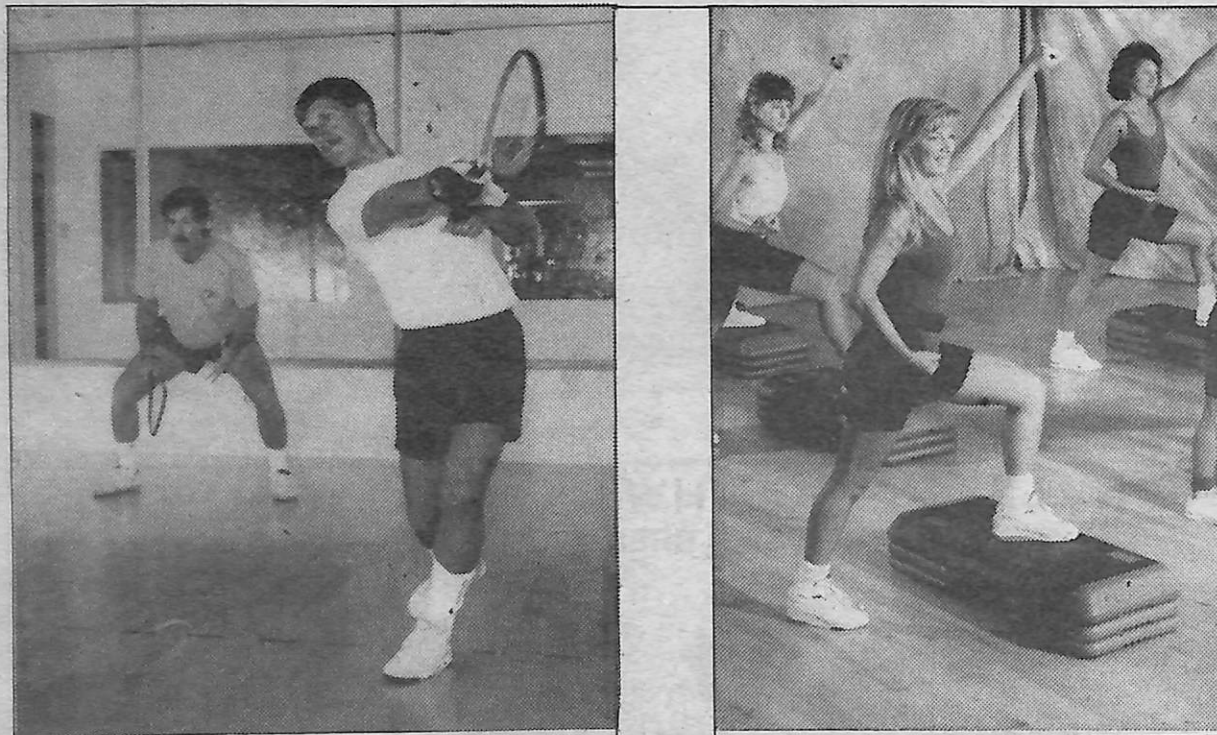
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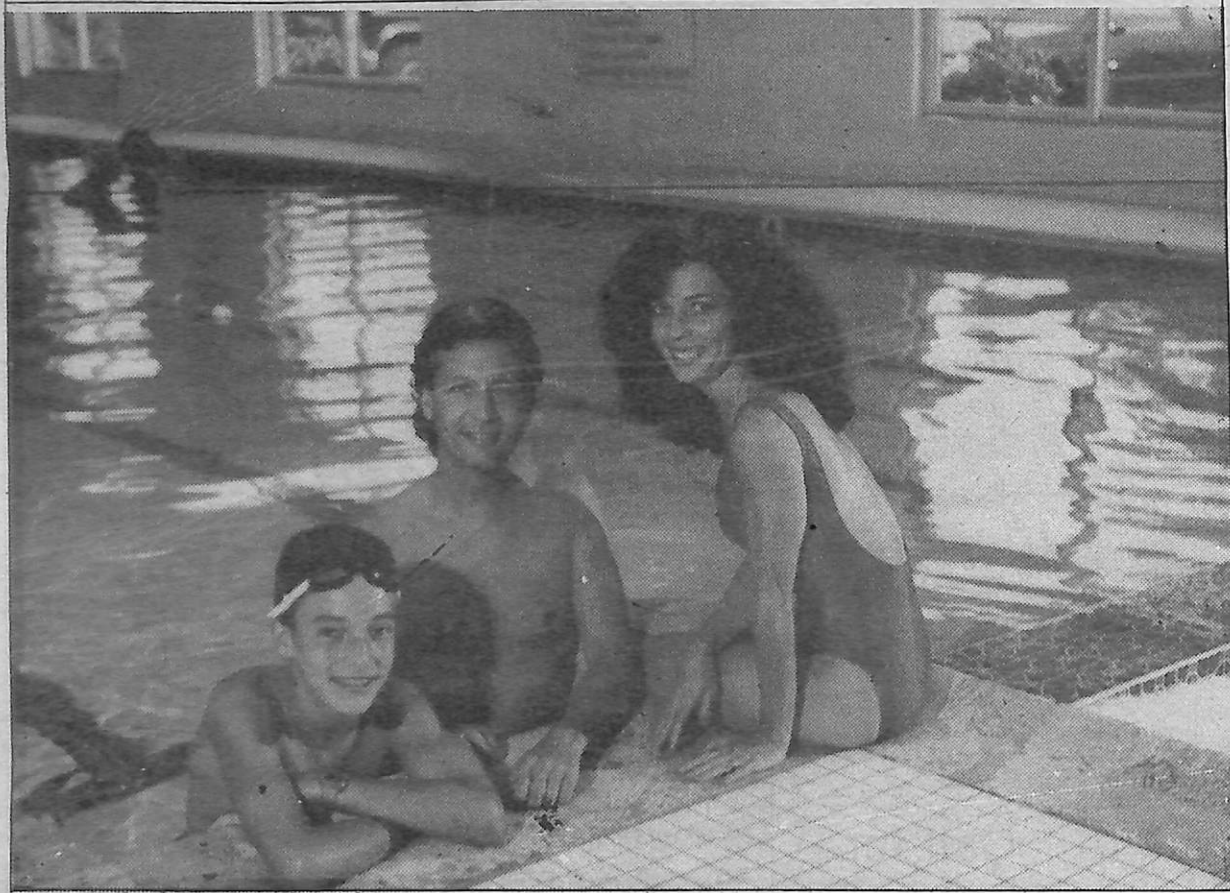
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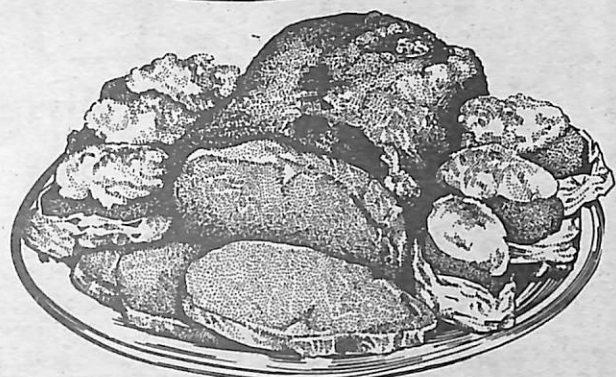
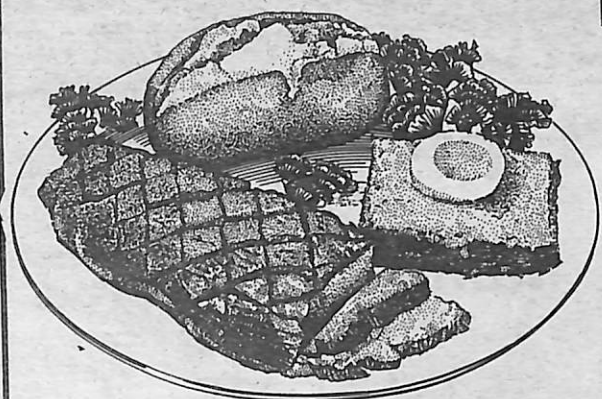
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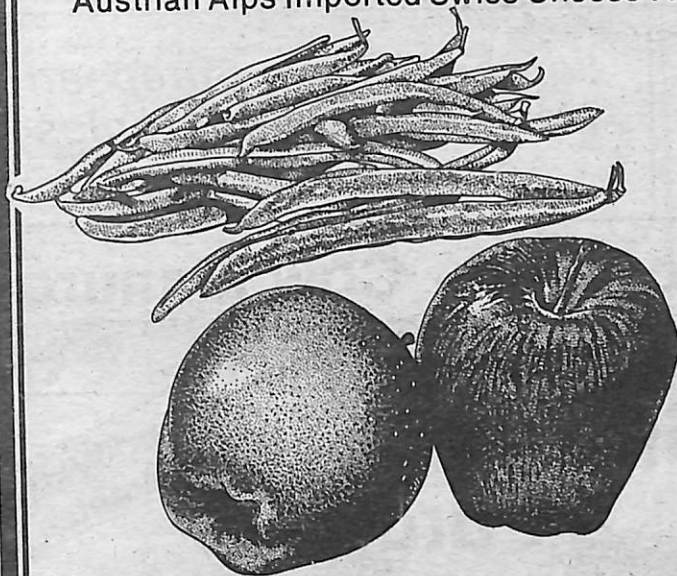
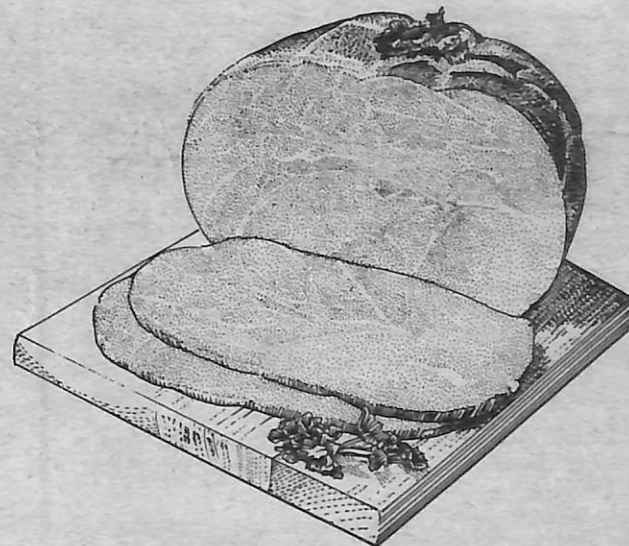
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Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo
Chairman

Guidance Depts. To Help Students With Course Selections

During the next four weeks, guidance counselors at the Agawam Middle, Junior High, and High School will be programming students for their course selections for the 1994-95 school year. It is extremely important that parents become active participants in the programming process. Each student will be given a program of studies that offers detailed descriptions of courses. The booklet includes an outline of course requirements and credits needed for graduation.

A student's program should be a meaningful and appropriate one; i.e., a student should select those courses that meet his/her needs (ability level and future goals). A student should not select a course or courses just for the purpose of filling up his/her schedule.

If a student is planning to attend a four-year college, a prescribed program is required by many four year colleges—four years of college English, three or four years of college math, three or four years of college science, and a minimum of two years or more of a foreign language.

If a student plans to pursue a technology program in the Health or Science fields, a heavy concentration in college math and science is desirable. A guidance counselor is equipped with the knowledge of the course work in high school that is a prerequisite for such programs.

Some students may not complete in high school the necessary course work required for certain programs in a four-year or two-year school. Their goals can still be achieved by enrolling in programs in which course deficiencies can be fulfilled.

For example, if a student aspires to become a nurse but never took Chemistry or Algebra in high school, he/she could make up these classes and then apply for admission to the nursing program.

Every student's situation is different. We try to "tailor make" a student's program. With your help and guidance, along with our expertise, we feel that the programming process will be successful.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations! Matthew Bellico - Stonehill, Springfield College, UCONN.

Laurie Bresnahan - HCC.
Katie Berry - Stonehill.
Lisa Savioli - Assumption.
Sara Kendall - Warren Wilson, HCC, UMASS.
Sean Sumner - Westfield State.
Mike Ryan - STCC, HCC, AIC.
Joe Scherpa - Keene State, Rensselaer Polytech.

Jeff Ciempa - U of Vermont.
Jamie Giordano - HCC.
Rose Pignatari - Simmons College.
Katie Guiel - STCC.
SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information.

William D. Mullins Memorial Scholarship - This scholarship is open to high school seniors who reside in Hampden County. The primary emphasis is placed upon applicant's academic achievements and personal characteristics. Deadline: May 1st, 1994.

George and Virginia Melconian Scholarship Committee - This scholarship is awarded annually to residents of the 1st Hampden District. All applications will be judged by the committee on the following eligibility requirements: personal interview, copy of response from the FAF, copy of college/post-secondary school acceptance, and two letters of recommendation. Deadline: May 13th, 1994.

National Association of Insurance Women of Greater Springfield Scholarship - Awarded to an individual who is continuing his/her education in any field of study. Four of these scholarships will be awarded. Deadline: April 11th, 1994.

William Rivers On Academy's Dean's List

William Rivers of Feeding Hills was among the students who made the 1994 winter term high honor roll at Suffield Academy in Suffield, Connecticut.

Rivers is a member of the Academy's class of 1996.

Fitness First Closed This Saturday Night

Fitness First will be closed for this Saturday, April 2nd. Announcement has been made that the "Saturday Night Program" for Agawam High School students has been extended.

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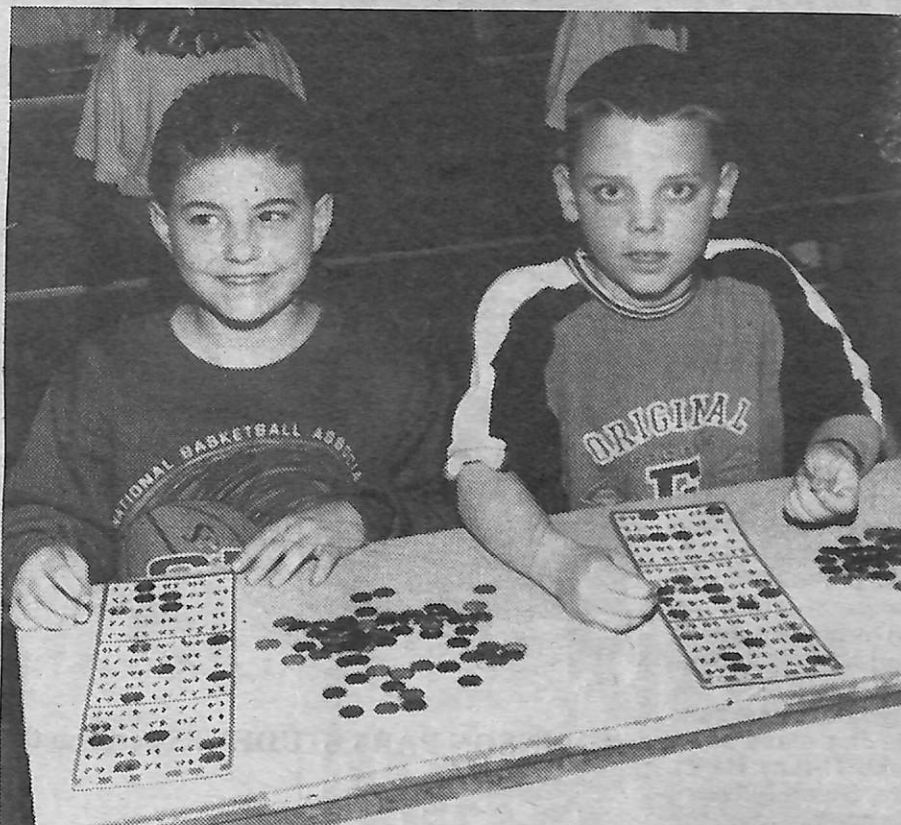



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Clark School Family Joins For "Bingo Night"



CHRISTINA O'BRIEN and Amanda Shepard show-off some of the prizes that were given to lucky bingo winners at James Clark School on Friday night, March 18th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE JAMES CLARK School Bingo Night, (top photo), PTO members Diane Circosta (left) and Lynn O'Brien call out the numbers; IN PHOTO BELOW, students Vincent Martucci and John Schott fill up their bingo cards as their numbers are called.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Timothy Reid Achieves Honor Roll Status At Wilbraham & Monson

Jerilyn Jacobs, Director of Public Relations at Wilbraham and Monson Academy in Wilbraham, MA, has announced that Timothy Reid of Agawam was one of 45 students who achieved honor roll status at the Academy for the second trimester.

To achieve this honor, a student at Wilbraham & Monson Academy must have an academic average of B-plus or higher.

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St. Patrick Celebrated By Robinson Students At Annual Show

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Outside, the mid-March landscape offered little in the way of a hint that spring was just around the corner. Here and there, the dingy snow gave way to some tired-looking brown grass.

But inside Robinson Park School, green was the color of the day as Sylvia Ready and her first grade class shared their St. Patrick's Day Celebration with the Robinson school family as well as their own families.

Each year, staff and students at Robinson know they can count on Miss Ready for a little "wearin' of the green" to lift their spirits just when it seems as though the winter will never end. Many of the children were wearing green of all shades and each wore one of the green hats Miss Ready saves from year to year. Miss Ready, of course, wore a Kelly green sweater to honor Ireland's patron saint.

Practicing Since January

Music teacher Margaret Bielin gave her expertise to the presentation by providing keyboard and taped accompaniment and by directing the chorus. Mrs. Bielin said the children have been practicing the songs in music class since January.

"It's an entirely different show this year," Miss Ready said. "Songs and dances of Ireland" featured a mix of regional songs and a few familiar Irish favorites as well as two folk dances. Miss Ready showed the slides of the lush Irish countryside taken during her summer vacation in four of the counties of Ireland.

Katelyn LaValley and Sophia Nasti gave the traditional greeting, "One thousand welcomes," in Gaelic to begin the show.

Stacy Boisvert, Adam Ceccarini, Zachary Lapponese, and Andrew Menard recited a short verse to introduce the songs and slides of Galway.

To announce the songs and slides of Tipperary, T.J. Hamilton, Nicholas Jacks, Scott Houghtaling, Daniella Gooch, Chris Tierney, and Shelby Winter took the stage.

Six couples danced the Gay Gordon while the sights of Tipperary flashed on and off the screen.

Using hand motions to bring to life the green alligators and long-necked geese, the humpty backed camels and the chimpanzees of "The Unicorn," the children sang the legend that explains why "You've never seen a unicorn—to this very day." Mrs. Bielin said, "The hand motions help the children remember the words and they add something to the song."

A show featuring Irish music would not be complete without "Harrigan." While the class sang, Sophia Nasti, Matthew Sudowski, Tiffany Manzi, Ryan McGuire, Katelyn LaValley, Stacy Boisvert, Andrew Menard, and Chris McKenney held up the letters as class spelled out the title.

SEE ST. PATRICK'S - Page 37...



ROBINSON PARK TEACHER Sylvia Ready and music teacher Margaret Bielin with Room 5 first graders on St. Patrick's Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ROBINSON PARK STUDENTS perform their St. Patrick's Day song and dance. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY - from Page 36...

"You can tell by their blarney, sure they're from Killarney," according to the group of students who opened the segment of Killarney which featured the folk-dance "Shoo the Donkey."

Slides and songs from Dublin included "Molly Malone," the children's favorite song.

Slides Of Irish Countryside

Miss Ready's presentation ended with the slides taken during her bus tour of the Irish countryside. While the scenes of green hills and mountains, busy modern cities, quaint farmhouses, fishing villages, and the wild seacoast appeared on the screen, the audience heard the same background music played on the bus ride, "The Derry Air."

With Mrs. Bielin playing the keyboard, the children closed the program by singing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Principal William Sapelli congratulated the children and the teachers for a job well done. Pointing out that the children remembered all the songs and poems without relying on cue cards, Sapelli added, "I think that's a credit to the hard work they put into this program."

Tracy E. Pevzner Named To Dean's List At Framingham State

Tracy E. Pevzner of Agawam was among those students named to the Dean's List for the fall 1993 semester at Framingham State College in Framingham, Massachusetts.

A member of the class of 1995, Tracy is majoring in psychology.

To be selected for the Dean's List, a student must earn a quality point average (Q.P.A.) of 3.25 or higher.

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ROBINSON PARK STUDENTS PERFORM the popular Irish song "Harrigan." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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GRANGER BROWNIE TROOP 547

Brownie troop 547 recently had their rededication/investiture ceremony. The girls each received a new try-it for their sashes. They also received the World Association Pin, which is worn by Girl Scouts and Girl Guides throughout the world.

We are continuing to work on the Junior Dabber badge from World of the Arts. We have designed greeting cards that we sent to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Springfield. In small groups, we worked together to make models of playground equipment using various craft materials.

We made a castle, a teepee, swings, slides, and a jungle gym. Upon completion of this badge, we will be one step closer on our Bridging to Juniors Patch.

ROBINSON PARK JUNIOR TROOP 553

The girls of troop 553 have had a very busy year so far. They have been working very hard to earn their Sign of the Sun. This sign incorporates many different interests. They are earning the Horseback Rider, Hobbies, Safety Sense, Walking for Fitness, Jeweler, and Exploring Healthy Eating badges.

Horseback riding was a big hit and we hope to be going again. We have taken a number of trips to the nursing home so the girls may visit the grandmothers they adopted three years ago.

These grandmas have become important parts of most of the girls' lives. We enjoyed the holidays together by going caroling at the housing complex on North Westfield St. and then stopping for cocoa at Friendly's.

Our biggest project at the moment is our Hobbie badge. Each girl has chosen a different hobby with the help of their parents. They are working on their hobbies and studying about them for the entire month and then they will each do a presentation to the rest of the troop, explaining all about their hobby.

This has the possibility of being a most interesting month. We are very PROUD of all of our girls. They have each grown so much since we

Cub Scouts Tour Milton Bradley Plant



DEN I, Pack 75 of Sacred Heart Church recently toured Milton Bradley Company. Under the director of Gracie Adams, the boys learned how an assembly line is set-up to produce a toy or game. The employees were very helpful in demonstrating how the machines work.

started scouting. It has been a joy to be part of each of their lives.

Fifth grade and up Girl Scouts in Agawam will have a chance to participate Thursday, April 21st in the Agawam Government Awareness Day.

Girls will be given the opportunity to pick a city position they would like to find out more about and meet with a representative from that department. Also included in the schedule will be a brief meeting with Mayor Johnson and lunch.

This has been a successful program in Chicopee and Springfield and we suspect it will work well in Agawam.

Have you been in the West and North buildings of Heritage Hall recently and seen the creative Birthday Boards the Agawam Girl Scout troops are taking turns in decorating? This is a fun service project for the girls and the residents seem to appreciate it.

Tab collection continues...Yes, indeed. We all surely

had such fun with this project last year (over 170 pounds collected), we decided to make it an ongoing thing! In addition to the Agawam Girl Scout troops, jars are now being placed in the local grocery stores.

After collecting all of the tabs each June, they will be turned over to Aelma Court No. 64 of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, which brings them to a recycling center where they are weighed. The money received goes into a special fund to be used for items from the Shriner's Hospital wish list.

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In 1991, she earned a B.S.B.A. in accounting from Western New England College. Angela has been employed as manager of the Agawam Flower Shop for over 6 years. She has also been a CCD teacher at St. John's Church in Agawam for over 5 years, where she has taught kindergarten, confirmation, grade 6 and grade 8. Recently engaged, she will be getting married this August.

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James Clark School



April Activities At James Clark School

James Clark School second graders will enjoy Julie Collier's program entitled "Birds of Prey and Native American Lifeways" on April 6th.

Until recently, she gave two separate programs; one on birds of prey, the other on Native American craftwork. Mrs. Collier now presents a combined program which has proved to be very popular. Her combination program offers four live birds of prey (an owl, falcon, hawk and eagle), combined with two tables covered with Native American materials.

The combination program interweaves facts about the birds with information on how the different tribes viewed each species, and how the bird's feathers were used in Indian craftwork.

Mrs. Collier has a raptor rehabilitation license which enables her to care for injured birds of prey found unable to live independently in the wild. Many of these will be released, but others must remain in captivity. She provides a permanent home for these birds.

Report cards will be issued on April 8th for grades one through four. By law, we must refer to the Special Services Department any student who is in danger of not being promoted to the next grade. The purpose of this referral is to alert parents and guardians to the availability of an evaluation in order to determine if their child's program requires an adjustment to better meet the student's needs.

James Clark School Council will meet on April 11th at 3:30 p.m. in Room 13. This meeting is open to the public and we encourage parents to attend.

Students and faculty members are anxiously awaiting the arrival of "Starlab," the Springfield Science Museum's portable planetarium, which will be at James Clark School on April 12th and 13th.

Starlab is a small, portable version of a planetarium. It consists of an inflatable dome on which images of the night sky are projected. Starlab allows astronomy to be presented in a fun and exciting atmosphere, as demonstrated by one of the expert staff members from the Springfield Science Museum's Outreach Program.

The program "Native American Skylore" will introduce our students to the night sky through the eyes of another culture. It will emphasize the central role the sky has played in the daily lives and beliefs of other societies.

James Clark School will hold its last Open House of the year on April 13th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. At that time, parents will be able to sign up for a five minute conference with their child's teacher.

If more time is needed, parents should make another appointment for a future date. During our Open House, voting for next year's PTO board members will take place. Please vote sometime during the course of the evening.

The Tower Saxophone Quartet will entertain our students on April 14th. The quartet was founded at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York in 1989. Having recently concluded its summer as an attraction at Busch Gardens, Tampa, the quartet looks forward to its third season of Young Audiences school presentations around the Northeast.

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Tuesday, April 5th: Sloppy Joe in roll, oven roast potatoes, seasoned niblet corn, peaches in syrup or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, April 6th: Sliced turkey breast sandwich in roll with lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise, krinkle cut carrots, dessert, milk.

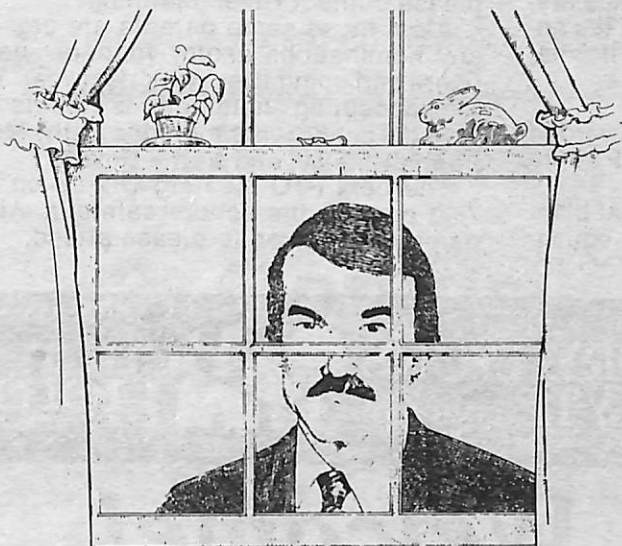
Thursday, April 7th: School-made meatballs with tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned green beans, Italian bread & butter, blueberry cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Friday, April 8th: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, baked potato with cheese sauce, cinnamon applesauce, ice cream cup, milk.

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Tara Delskey Designs Quilt For At-Risk Kids As College Project

Tara E. Delskey, daughter of Paul E. Delskey, Jr. of White Oaks Drive and Kareen E. Delskey of North Street, Feeding Hills, is serving the community in a very special way through a project at Bay Path College.

A student in the Fashion Merchandising and Retail Management Program, she is designing and making a quilt to be given to an "at risk" infant or child under six years old suffering from AIDS, born drug addicted, or abandoned.

The independent study project currently underway as part of her Apparel Design course is being done in conjunction with ABC Quilts, a volunteer organization founded in 1988. Begun by mother and grandmother Ellen Ahlgren of Northwood, New Hampshire, the quilt-making has been taken up by individual quilters and groups throughout the country, as well as overseas, and more than 25,000 have been distributed.

Bay Path professor Patricia Kmon, who teaches the course, learned about ABC Quilts through Marc Newman of Newman Sewing Machine, who is the local liaison for the organization. He and a volunteer ABC spokesperson explained the purpose of quilt-making specifications to the students at the onset.

Students were urged to be as creative as they wished, with the only stipulations being that the quilt be "baby safe" and able to withstand frequent washings. The finished quilts were displayed during the annual spring fashion show at Bay Path on March 20th before being presented to ABC Quilts.

Although the quilts were distributed anonymously, the makers may sign their first names, and Tara plans to sign hers, and add "with love."

Ag. Public Schools To Hold Kindergarten Registration/Screening

The Agawam Public Schools will be conducting registration and screening of children entering kindergarten in September 1994. Children who will be five years of age prior to October 1st are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September.

Chapter 766, the Massachusetts Special Education Regulations, requires that each school district provide services for identifying children with special needs. Screening is not a test nor an in-depth evaluation, but an observance of how a child is growing in different areas of development.

A screening team composed of specialists will be observing the children's development in several areas, namely: Speech, Language, Gross and Fine Motor, Behavior and Physical Development. This process will be completed during the kindergarten registration which will be held at the elementary schools.

Screening dates are as follows: Granger School, April 14th and April 15th; Robinson Park School, April 28th and April 29th; Phelps School, May 6th and May 9th; Clark School, May 13th.

Parents who have not already contacted their neighborhood school should do so immediately. Children will be screened by appointment only.



TARA E. DELSKEY of Feeding Hills, a student in Fashion Merchandising at Bay Path College in Longmeadow, is designing and making a quilt to be given to "at risk" infants or children under six suffering from AIDS, born drug addicted, or abandoned.

Agawam Middle School Council Lists Upcoming Activities

The Agawam Middle School Council would like to thank all the parents, students, and teachers for the great response to their surveys. The results are being tallied and will be made available to the public when completed.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for April 12th, 3:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Mr. Keenan and his students in Room 316. They were the winners of the Big Y computer this month!

The "Sixth Grade Blast Off" has been temporarily set for June 3rd and Jim Graveline has generously volunteered to be the disc jockey for the event.

Each classroom has been allocated \$350 by the Middle School PTO toward field trips or speakers and programs this year. Planning and scheduling is now taking place for these spring spectaculars.

April 6th, 7th, and 8th will be the dates of the annual school Book Fair. Watch for more information coming home soon with your students.

Five scholarships of \$200 each will be awarded again this year by the Middle School PTO to graduating AHS seniors.

One scholarship will be given to a student planning on continuing school in the field of education in memory of Lisa Ziegert.

On March 14th and 18th, all fifth grade classes had the pleasure of viewing the Northeast Utilities Electric Safety Program free of cost. The program is both enjoyable and educational.

The Adelphi Committee has set aside some fun days for the next three months: April will have "Hat Day," May will have "Dress Up Day," and June 14th will be "Red, White and Blue Day" in honor of Flag Day.

Tuesday, May 3rd is "National Teacher's Appreciation Day." The PTO will again sponsor a breakfast for all the teachers at Middle School to say thanks for doing such a great job and caring so much!

All fifth grade parents (and fourth grade parents, also) interested in viewing fundraising companies for selection of next year's project, please contact Helen Manning.

Also, those same parents are urged to submit any nominations and/or volunteer names for officers and committee work next year. The committee accepting nominations/volunteers for the 1994-'95 school year includes Kathy Mounemneh, Donna Shibley, and Kathy Duvall.

The next PTO meeting will be on April 4th at 7:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria. All interested parents are asked to please attend.

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Parent Training At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library will again be offering the Early Childhood Systematic Training For Effective Parenting (S.T.E.P.) program for parents of young children.

This program will be offered in the Community Room of the library on consecutive Tuesday evenings from April 12th to May 17th. Early childhood S.T.E.P. is designed for parents of children who are ages newborn through age five.

The objective of this program is to help parents gain parenting skills, understand children's behavior and build self-esteem, foster communication and cooperation, effective discipline, and healthy family relationships.

S.T.E.P. was an overwhelming success when the library last offered the program in 1992. Please register soon as space is limited, and the last offering of this program filled up very quickly.

The workshops will be led by Joyce Rheaume of the Agawam School Department. Mrs. Rheaume has been an early childhood teacher at Phelps School and a teacher in the Agawam Early Childhood Integrated Preschool Program for over six years. She has completed a master's degree in young children with special needs and has three young children of her own.

Preferred registration is now being given to residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills only. Residents of other communities may register for any remaining spots in the program beginning Monday, April 4th.

For more information or to register for this free six-week program, please call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

Melconian Scholarship Applications Available

Sophia Jeffrey, Chairwoman of the "George and Virginia Melconian Scholarship" Committee, has announced that the scholarship applications are now available.

The scholarship is open to all residents of Agawam, West Springfield, Longmeadow, and residents of Ward 1, 3, 4, and 6 of Springfield. All interested applicants are encouraged to apply and can acquire an application at the following locations:

Agawam High School Guidance Office; Agawam Town Library; Longmeadow High School Guidance Office; Longmeadow's Storrs Library; Springfield's Central High School Guidance Room; Springfield's Commerce High School Guidance Room; Springfield's Cathedral High School Guidance Room; Springfield's Putnam Vocational High School Guidance Room; Springfield City Library Reference Room (main branch only); West Springfield High School Guidance Office; and West Springfield Town Library.

Applications must be post-marked no later than May 13th, 1994.

Ag. Middle School PTO Invites Parents To Next Meeting

The Agawam Middle School PTO would like to extend an invitation to all fourth and fifth grade parents whose children will be attending the Middle School in September 1994 to attend its next PTO meeting which is scheduled for Monday, April 4th, in the School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

The PTO is looking for parents who can spare approximately two hours a month to help out in a variety of ways. Minimal work and effort is required, but fantastic results and programs are obtained.

The PTO will be holding elections for officers for the next school year at its May 2nd meeting. Officer positions include president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Other board positions are ways and means, historian, hospitality, telephone, publicity, and Adelphi.

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for one of the positions above, please let the PTO membership know at the April 4th meeting or any time before elections are held at the May meeting. You may call Helen Manning (786-5768) or Donna Shibley (786-3888) to place nominations.

Please consider attending the April 4th meeting of the Agawam Middle School PTO.

Ag. Early Childhood Kids Study Disabilities

Youngsters at Agawam Early Childhood Center in Feeding Hills will learn about physical disabilities during the week of March 28th through a special Easter Seal program, sponsored by T J Maxx and Business Equipment Depot.

The Easter Seal HOP-N-ING teaches children about the causes of disabilities and their effects on people's everyday lives. The children also find out how wheelchairs, crutches, and other specialized equipment work.

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Maura Martin Is Studying In England For Spring Semester

Over 100 Trinity College students are studying abroad for the 1994 spring semester. Among those students is Maura Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Martin of 35 Anvil Street, Feeding Hills. A 1991 graduate of Agawam High School, Maura is a junior majoring in psychology at Trinity and is spending the spring semester studying at Butler University's program in Sussex, England.

Trinity, which is located in Hartford, Connecticut, is one of the nation's distinguished liberal arts colleges. Approximately 1,800 students from 46 states, two United States territories, and 24 foreign countries are enrolled at the coeducational, nondenominational institution, which was founded in 1823.

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Renaissance Scholars Receive Rewards At AHS For 3rd Term

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Agawam High School renaissance scholars recently met after school in the cafeteria for a party and a lottery-style shower of prizes for lucky third term cardholders.

Supported by donations of cash and prizes from local businesses, the Renaissance Program seeks to reward students for academic success coupled with responsible behavior.

Senior Katie Poulos walked away with the grand prize of a prom package worth over \$500. In addition to prom tickets donated by Chez Josef, Katie won a tuxedo for her date from College Formals, a free gown rental from Maria's Bridal in Feeding Hills, corsage and boutonniere from Floral Concepts by Tom Fini, prom photos by David Pulaski, limo service from Bradway Limo and the Renaissance Program, and hairdresser and barbering services from Casual Male and Hair Craft.

Thrilled with her luck, Katie told *The AAN* she had never won any sort of contest before. Katie said she only entered the lottery at the urging of her best friend, Rose.

Winning the prom package was especially exciting for Katie because her boyfriend will be coming home from Army National Guard service just in time to take her to the prom.

Asked about her feelings about the relatively new Renaissance Program, Katie said, "I think it's a great program for the students to get rewarded. It shows their efforts are being rewarded."

"Something To Strive For"

Katie said the Renaissance Program was an important factor in raising student morale because "there's something to strive for - a goal." Katie added that the exam exemptions (given to Gold Plus Cardholders for mid-term and final exams) was probably one of the main reasons students want to be included in the program.

English teacher Dorothy Martin, program chairwoman, said corporate sponsorship of the program remains strong this year. Mrs. Martin noted that Triple A (Auto Club) joined the list of sponsors with a \$45 gift certificate.

In addition to the program package, students at the third term Renaissance party received savings bonds from Park West Bank and BayBank, bowling from Brunswick Lanes, passes to Tim Daggett's Gym, Showcase Cinema tickets, gift certificates to area restaurants, including Tavern Inn, Pond House, Casa Di Lisa and Tyffany's, and gift certificates from the Springfield Animal Hospital, Belmont Laundry, Country Flowers, and Victorian Nails. Milton Bradley Company donated games and nerf footballs for the students. Dunkin' Donuts provided refreshments.

Jr. High Students Donate To Heart Asso.



AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS recently made a donation to the American Heart Association during Heart Month. All are members of the Non-Users Club. From left - Jeff Seyler (Heart Association), Jocelyn Desrochers, Dan Outhuse, Christina LaValley, Melissa Boissonneault, Kate Anderson, and Angela Tassinari. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Mrs. Martin noted the gratitude of the Renaissance Committee for the continued support of the business community for the program. "The Agawam and Feeding Hills community are great school supporters," Mrs. Martin said. "We're hoping to hear from the Super Stop & Shop soon."

Parents' Efforts Praised

Mrs. Martin praised the efforts of parents Holly Scortino (treasurer) and Lynda Reid (marketing contact) for their work in support of the program. Next year, the program is hoping to attract additional parent volunteers to devote one or two hours a week to marketing the program to area

businesses.

The four Renaissance teachers, Mrs. Martin, Spanish teacher Linda Sasso, English teacher Irene Thomas, and science teacher Sharon Kiddy, have received permission to attend a two-day conference in Peabody at the end of March to learn the latest techniques in running the Renaissance Program.

Mrs. Martin said the Renaissance Committee wished to thank the AHS faculty members who donate their time, money, and other means of support to make Renaissance a winner.

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Sports

Spring Sports Coming Soon To AHS

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Each day, our travels along Route 57 and elsewhere reveal several new feet of green grass as the snow melts away from its edges. I saw a guy on South Street standing in his yard with a golf club the other afternoon.

I don't know if he was getting ready to smack one into his neighbor's living room or if he was just experiencing the long-awaited Spring Fever. Golf pro Jimmy Modzelesky tells me that Oak Ridge Golf Club is still hoping to open next week. "It's unrealistic," he told us. "But, we're hoping to get going soon."

This reminds me that the Spring Sports Season for the Agawam High Brownies is now upon us. And next week these sports pages will be crammed full of pre-season previews for each of the teams that will head into battle representing our town.

A sneak peek at the upcoming schedule uncovered the fact that two "new" coaches will head the track teams this season. There will be a couple of "golden oldies" at the helm of the tennis programs. And, a very successful basketball coaching duo returns to take the baseball and softball teams through their paces.

The winter that just passed produced some wonderfully positive results for the Brownies, as Agawam brought home enough stuff to fill another trophy case or two. The kids have that winning attitude that could well carry over into the spring sports season.

But, as we all are well aware, the new season will be dominated in the early going by talk of the weather and the havoc that it has wreaked upon us. Harmon Smith Field and the surrounding track were still covered with snow at last check. The ball teams are practicing indoors in the gym and in the funeral parlor parking lot, as well as the AHS parking lot.

The teams are challenging themselves with conditioning early, and fundamentals take center stage at this time of the pre-season anyway.

We'll give you an insightful early look-see at the sports and their participants next week in these pages—only in *The AAN*.

Youth Football Signups At Leonard House On Sat., April 9th

The Agawam Youth Football Association will hold sign-ups for the fall season, Saturday, April 9th, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street.

The Agawam Warriors compete in the Junior and Senior Division of the Western Mass. Suburban Amateur Football League. To be eligible, players must reside in Agawam.

The Junior Division consists of players in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. Sixth graders may not turn 13 on or before December 31st, 1994.

The Senior Division consists of players in seventh and eighth grades. Eighth graders may not turn 15 on or before December 31st, 1994.

Sign-up fees are \$75 per player, \$100 per family (two players). At the time of equipment handout, players must prepay \$50 for raffle tickets.

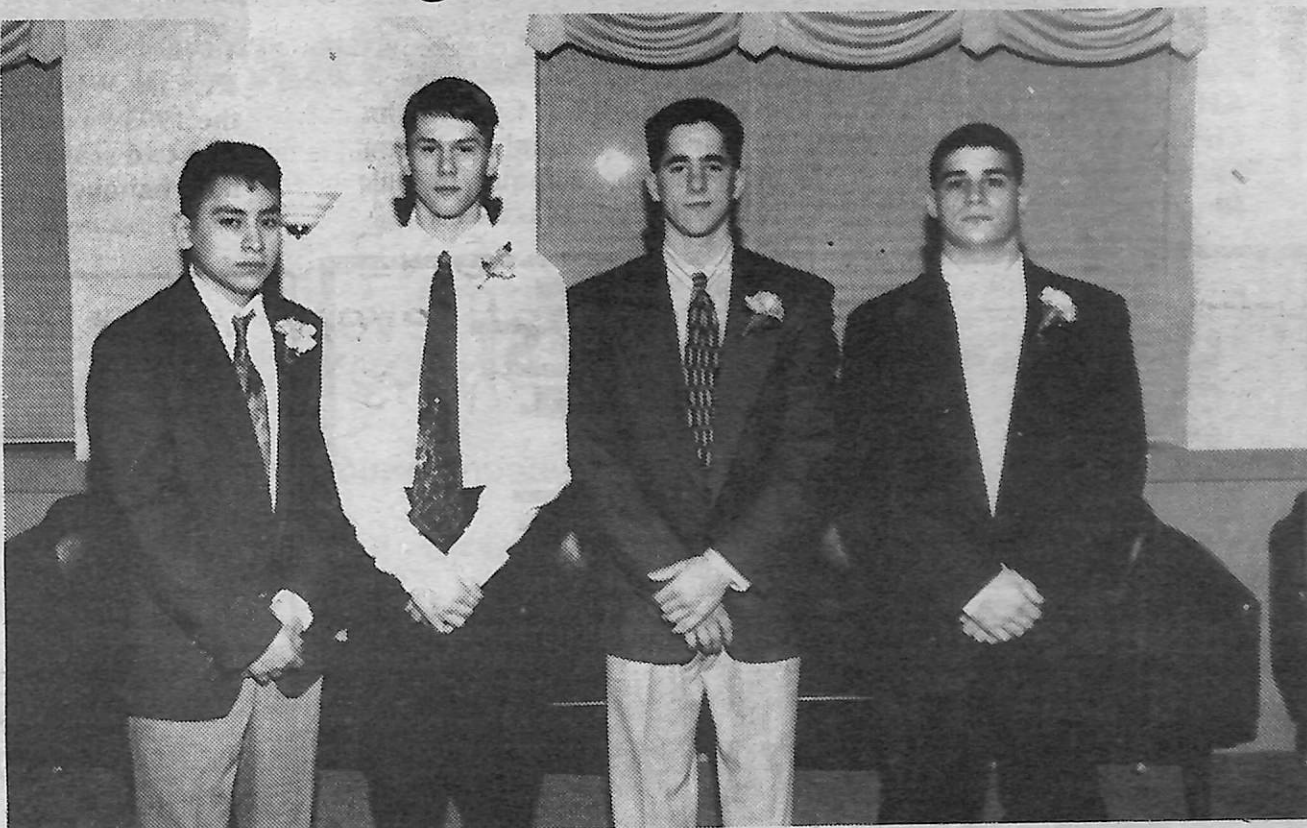
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AHS Hockey Honored At Annual Banquet



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the 1993-94 Agawam High School hockey team include, from left - Cory Chianciola, Bret Pajer, Eric Mastroianni, Dan Moriarty, Paul Shannon, Zachary Kashmanian, and Michael Morrissey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Wrestling Honored At Annual Banquet



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High School wrestling team who helped the Brownies win yet another Western Mass. Division I title included, from left - Alex Gomez, Chad Boucher, Kevin Willard, and Dave Virella. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 44 and 48.

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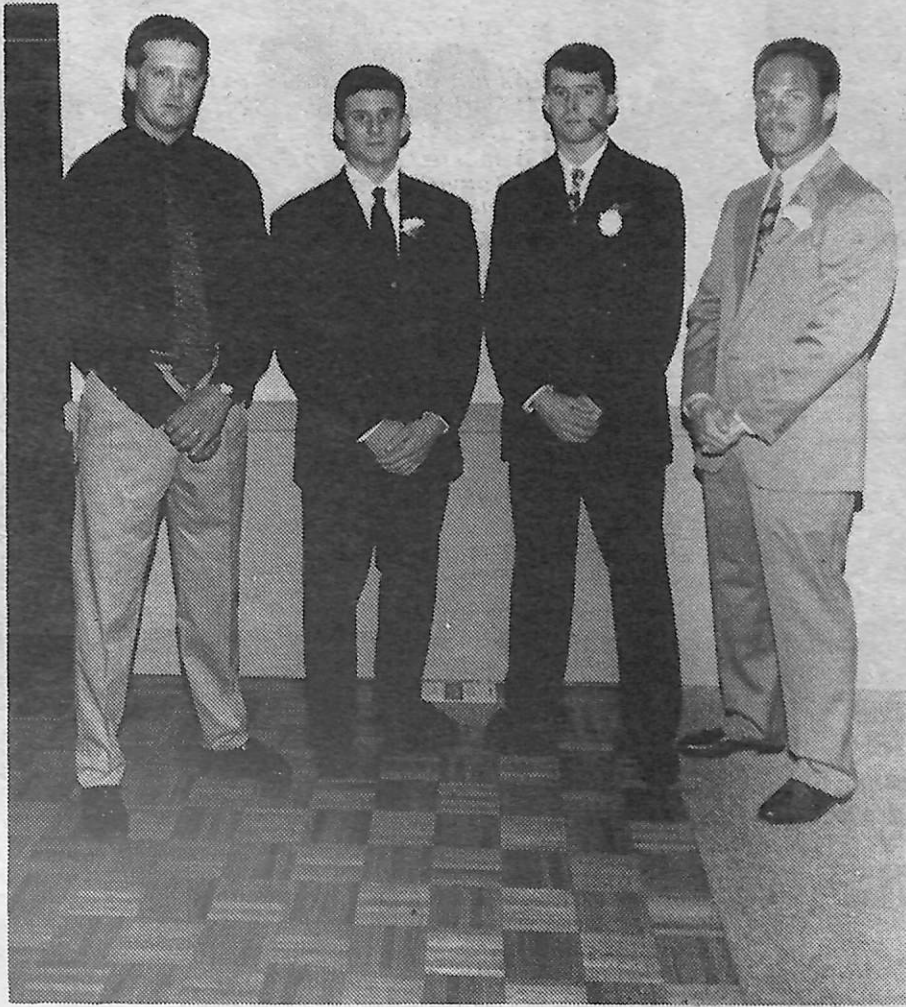
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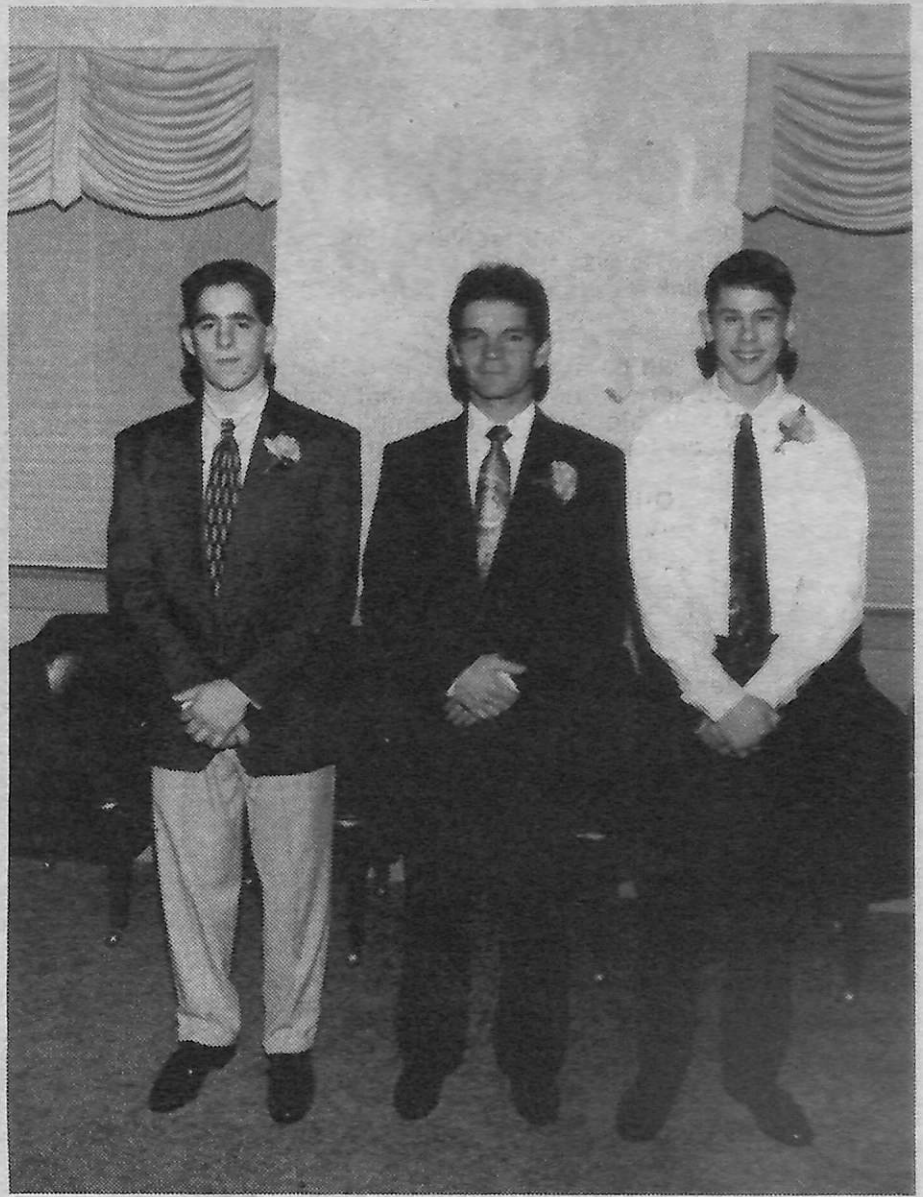
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AHS Hockey Captains Feted



AHS HOCKEY COACH Fran Pycko and Assistant Coach John Cirelli and 1993-94 team captains Eric Mastroianni and Dan Moriarty were all honored at the team's annual banquet at Oak Ridge Golf Club on March 27th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Wrestling Captains Feted



KEVIN WILLARD (left) and CHAD BOUCHER (right) were the 1993-94 captains of the Agawam High varsity wrestling team. The two seniors are pictured with Coach Phil Tomkiel at the annual banquet on March 20th at Oak Ridge Golf Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Bob Johnson On Sports

Play Ball - Try This Baseball Quiz

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

C'mon, folks, pinch yourselves. Baseball season does get under way this Sunday night, and we need to get back into the groove. How about a 20-question quiz to get you into the swing of things?

Some of these will be easy; some will be fairly hard; and others very hard. The worst that could happen is that you might learn something. Grab five points apiece for each right answer. Good luck!

QUESTIONS

1) Who am I? From 1962-1966, I won five ERA titles, three Cy Youngs, one MVP, and I threw four no-hitters. I was elected to Cooperstown at the ripe young age of 36.

2) Bill Madlock won two batting titles each while playing for two different National League teams? What teams were they?

3) I am the only man to have won the MVP while playing in my first major league season? Who am I?

4) Slugger Mike Schmidt did plenty of damage with his bat; he won eight home run crowns, four RBI titles, clouted over 500 homers, and won three MVPs. But, Schmidt also won eight straight (fill in the blank).

5) Who am I? I was five feet, six inches tall and weighed 210 pounds. I was a feared slugger in the National League in the Twenties and Thirties. I had an 18-inch neck, but only wore a size six shoe! I played for the Giants, the Cubs, and the Dodgers. In 1930, I had a fairly decent year as I batted .356, scored 146 runs, whacked 56 homers, and drove in 191 runs!

6) For which team did future Hall of Famer Dave Winfield begin his professional baseball playing career?

7) I am located on Spectacular Drive, intersecting with Interstate 70. I am also known as the Harry S. Truman Sports Complex, and I have a 125-tree forest beyond my left center field fence. What is my better known name?

8) I struck out 2,855 major leaguers. I won a hundred games in each league and pitched a no-hitter in each league, too! I won 20 games with the Tigers in 1957. After baseball, I ran for Governor of Kentucky, but lost. Later, I earned a seat in the U.S. Congress. Who am I?

9) I was a Yankee rookie shortstop the year that Joe Dimaggio hit in 56 straight games and retired right after Don Larsen threw his perfect game in the World Series. Who am I?

10) What baseball distinction did Frank Robinson have after his playing days were over?

11) Everybody knows what the Triple Crown is in baseball. A player must lead his league in batting average, home runs, and RBI. Do you know who the last man was to accomplish that feat?

12) The pitching triple crown is just as rare. It is determined to be most wins, strikeouts, and ERA. The last time this was accomplished was in 1985. Do you know which pitcher turned this particular trick?

13) Flashback for Red Sox fans: I was your shortstop in 1984. I played in 151 games and batted .263. I clouted two big homers and drove in 29 runs. I even swiped 12 bases! Do you remember my name?

14) I was born in Los Angeles in May of 1960. I became a major leaguer and had over 200 hits on four occasions during the Eighties. My brother also plays major league baseball. Who am I?

15) I had a lifetime average of .281, but I bumped it up 59 points during the 1969 season when I hit .340 for the Amazin' Mets! I was a rarity because I batted right-handed and threw the ball left-handed. Do you remember me?

16) I drove in over 100 runs on seven different occasions in the Major Leagues, but never led the league in RBI. I drove in 129 runs in 1970 and eclipsed the centery mark for the final time in 1980 while playing for the Boston Red Sox. Who am I?

17) They called me by a powerful nickname, as well they should have. I hit some mammoth homers once I debuted in 1967. I was a very popular and high profile player during my first two seasons, but I slipped to a .171 batting average in my third year and cracked only three homers in 124 games. Luckily I broke out of that big slump and went on to hit double-digit homers in each of the next 10 years. In 1975, I led the league in homers and RBI while playing for a different team. (Also, nobody remembers this, but I stole 69 bases along the way, too!) Who am I and what is my powerful nickname?

18) It is a well-known fact that Ted Williams is the last man to hit a legitimate .400 when he batted .406 in 1941. This player batted .400 in limited action in 1952 (4 for 10) and then hit .407 (37 for 91) in 1953. In the 1953 season, 13 of those 37 hits were home runs. Any idea who it was?

19) I pitched an incredible 30 complete games

for a last-place team in 1972. I won 27 times that season. I recently made it to the Hall of Fame. Who am I?

20) Spell the last name of the man they call "Yaz" (and I bet you that 10 percent of you still can't do it without peeking!).

ANSWERS

- 1) Sandy Koufax
- 2) Cubs (75-76); Pirates (81 & 83)
- 3) Fred Lynn (1975)
- 4) Gold Gloves
- 5) Hack Williams
- 6) San Diego Padres
- 7) Royals Stadium

- 8) Jim Bunning
- 9) Phil Rizzuto
- 10) First black to manage in majors
- 11) Carl Yastrzemski, .326, 44 HR, 121 RBI
- 12) Dwight Gooden, 24 Wins, 268 K, 1.53 ERA
- 13) Jackie Guttierrez
- 14) Tony Gwynn
- 15) Cleon Jones
- 16) Tony Perez
- 17) George Scott; the Boomer
- 18) Ted Williams (sorry, trick question)
- 19) Steve Carlton
- 20) Y-A-S-T-R-Z-E-M-S-K-I

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Sports A La Carte...

Spring Sports Coming Soon

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A sign of things to come? The Red Sox have 29 spring errors in their first 25 spring games. The flip side might be the 34 stolen bases that they have already swiped in Grapefruit action...

On May 1st, 1929, Brooklyn's JOHNNY FINN won the sack race as he incredibly covered 100 yards in just 14.4 with a burlap bag pulled up all the way to his neck!

In those days, sack races were very much part of a normal track and field meet, and the "sack racer" could score just as many points as a sprinter or a miler. It may not be true that Finn beat a hustling RICH GEDMEN, who was motor-ing along WITHOUT a sack.

Ah, that Red Sox speed...

TOMMY "The Duke" MORRISON picked up his 40th professional heavyweight boxing win last Sunday night when he climbed between the ropes and pounded a guy named BRYAN "Bam Bam" SCOTT.

Still can't stop thinking about JERRY QUARRY every time I see the man fight, though...

How about a couple of thoughts on the upcoming NBA playoffs? We know that our Celts will not be around for that nail-biting first-round series that we have become accustomed to for the past five or six years now.

We do have the Knicks that we can boo all the way to the Finals. ANTHONY MASON and GREG ANTHONY are two guys that you can love to hate and, of course, we have a lot of practice rooting against Coach PAT RILEY.

Otherwise, give TNT and TBS a shot for the next couple of weeks. They promise more coverage than ever on those two networks, and those Western teams are better than they have been for a long time.

My personal favorite is Utah, but the Rockets, Suns, and Sonics might figure in the Championship picture, too. Pick a team and ride 'em as far as they go. It keeps you interested on those late spring nights...

I hate CRAIG BROWN. Singlehandedly, he robbed me of a shot at really getting excited about the Final Four.

The only University of Florida senior on the squad hit those three straight three-pointers to drive that dagger deep into the hearts of Boston College faithful everywhere...

Oldtimers like me can remember the days of pitchers who would take the ball and "Go Nine," and it sure is mysterious why today's supremely conditioned athletes can only go six or seven—and then have the audacity to call it a "Quality Start."

But, Braves pitching coach LEO MAZZONE makes his pitchers throw every day to "strengthen" their arms. Sounds crazy? Hey, who pitches better than the Braves?...

Maybe the Atlanta club can loan Mazzone to the Angels. Wow, in their first 22 spring games, the Halos gave up 11 hits or more in 20 of them! They also picked off only four victories along the way...

HOWARD EISLEY wore a little egg on his face as he went off at halftime in the aforementioned BC-Florida game. As he dribbled up the floor, the pro-Florida crowd (the game was in Miami) began to count down the seconds: 4-3-2-1. When they arrived at 1, Eisley launched a long three-pointer from well beyond NBA range.

When the ball caromed out of bounds, there were 4.7 seconds left on the clock. That gag still works, and I remember when I orchestrated the same deal at a high school game back in Iowa many years ago...

Did anybody catch the highlights of ASKIA JONES night for Kansas State last week? The kid played just 28 minutes in a blowout win for his

Fitness First Helps Children's Miracle Network



AEROBICS WAS PART of the fundraiser held recently for the Children's Miracle Network at Fitness First Health & Racquet Club on March 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

squad, but he conncted on an amazing 14 of 18 three-pointers and he headed to the bench with a mere 62 points!...

When you want to get a left-handed hitter out, you call TONY FOSSAS; when you want to get a righty out, look to TODD FRUWIRTH; and when you want to get JOSE CANSECO out (and make him look bad), you call GREG HARRIS in from the pen.

And the Sox have all three of them now as they picked up Fruwirth this week. The submariner who used to give the Sox fits when he was an Oriole will start off in the minors, but I bet we see him on the big club in the not-too-distant future...

KarateMania VIII and Wrestlemania X. Add 'em up, and that is 18 pay-per-view events that I have missed and not noticed...

Six Whalers fighting in a bar in Buffalo at three in the morning. Just another black eye for hockey, eh?...

Watching those Arkansas Hogs chasing that National Championship was BOSS HOG (The Prez) sitting in the third row. I wonder if he had any trouble seeing over BOB UECKER, who was certainly sitting two rows in front of him...

Hopefully GREG NORMAN can stay warm (how about a minus 24 at the Players last week?) so he can pick off the Masters this time around. Don't miss it, folks. Golf fan or not—the Masters can draw you in and hold you. It is wonderful drama on Sunday every single year...



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Bob Johnson On Sports...

How 'Bout Magic Vs. Bird Show II!

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Earlier this month, the Celtics stopped a long, long losing streak by getting past their Eighties super rival, the Los Angeles Lakers, on the parquet floor of the Boston Garden.

Dino Rajda had a super night and the C's played with spirit and intensity reminiscent of a college team bound for the NCAA tournament. The crowd was rockin' and rollin'. "Homer" announcer Tommy Heinsohn proudly exclaimed that he was having a ball, and even went so far as to say, "I'm so glad that we finally got those suits out of here! We finally have some kids in here to enjoy this."

Wow—a million straight sellouts during the Bird Era, but Heinsohn was making a big-time statement. He doesn't want the "real" basketball fan to be excluded from seeing some professional hoops from time to time. For years, the ticket to the "Gahden" was mighty "hahd" to come by. Corporate America was hard at work swallowing up all the tickets to the biggest event on Causeway Street.

No Playoffs This Year

Of course, this is a year when a mid-March loss on the road had the distinction of being the loss that guaranteed the Celtics that they will not make the playoffs this season. Hey, I got a couple of Celts tickets; does anybody want a pair? What have you done for me lately...?

Philly isn't going to the playoffs. Neither are the Pistons. And 3,000 miles west of here, the Forum is going to be dark when the post season commences, too. And there hasn't been enough folks in there this year to pay the light bill anyway.

So when Magic Johnson became the fourth straight Laker head coach to take the reins (with no head coaching experience) last Sunday night, the telephones began to ring throughout the region.

Arsenio Hall had given his tickets to Dyan Cannon. And he had even been generous with his parking pass. (Not to worry—Magic got him in somehow). The beautiful people came out of the woodwork and the Forum was full for just the third time all season. The good people of LaLa Land even showed up Fashionably Early. They were only coming for the introductions. The Magic Man was going to be patrolling the sidelines.

It gave TNT a chance to give us a new TV invention. They inserted a "coaching box" insert which showed Magic pacing and waving and cheering his team. Magic didn't show the crowd the Magic Smile very much.

He ran his troops through a three hour, twenty minute workout on Saturday afternoon and then turned them loose on the road-weary Bucks of Milwaukee, who were ending their West Coast trek.

Elden Campbell took a Sedale Threatt alley cop off the opening tap and the former Clemson big man banged it through the cylinder. The crowd got on its feet and started screaming.

It was the NBA and it was the regular season and it was two teams going nowhere next month. But it was Magic again at the Forum. But some of the fellahs were still there—Michael Cooper was there; albeit in a suit as an assistant coach. (Coop wants the big job for the team some day). James Worthy (a part-timer these days averaging less than seven minutes a game) was on hand to lead a fast break or two, and Kurt Rambis was back in town (his second Laker tour) to battle for a couple of big rebounds.

Magic Made A Difference

It may have been a publicity stunt (heck, the Lakers had won seven of 10 before Coach Randy Pfund got the axe), but Magic sure made a difference on his personal Opening Day. By the time

the first half came to a conclusion, Magic had seen his team blow to a 66-35 lead!

Lakers fans probably want to pinch themselves and hope that Magic falls in love with Nick Van Exel. Maybe he can turn Van Exel into Van Excell! Maybe the kid will irritate the devil out of him and Magic may want to come back in 1994-95 and kick the kid's butt all over the gym.

But, Celtic fans, I didn't forget you. Did it ever cross your mind that Magic may some day lead the Lakers into Boston Garden for a big ballgame? And maybe, just maybe, the C's will be coached by none other than Larry Bird?

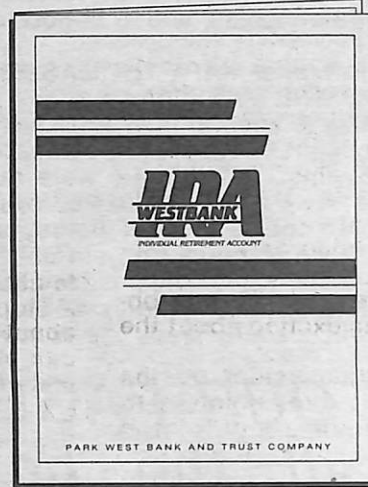
Hey, Bill Russell and Lenny Wilkens are pretty

good ballplayers that have gone on to successfully coach in the league. It doesn't work well in baseball when a big star tries to manage (remember Ted Williams?), but the track record in basketball is much, much different.

It may never happen, but it's an early spring fantasy that just happened to jump into my head. And maybe both guys can get their teams to play in the likeness of their coach. And maybe Jordan will coach the Bulls and Dr. J will coach the Sixers and Moncreif will coach the Bucks and Isaih will coach the Pistons and Walton can lead the Blazers.

Wouldn't that be something?

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St. Mary's Continues To Hold First Place In Tri-Parish Bowl

In the third and final round of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, St. Mary (16 wins) continues to be the frontrunner, with St. Michael (14 wins) hot on their heels.

St. Mary faced seventh place Holy Cross (8 wins) in recent Tri-Parish activity and faced stiff competition. HC winners included leadoff DORIS FORTIER, DON STITT (Men's C leader at 94.5), and Captain LARRY VIENS, a 298-292 winner over disappointed St. Mary's Captain RICK SHEEHAN (292). Sheehan is third in the Men's AA at 105.31 while Viens is fifth in Men's AA at 99.49.

Saving the day for St. Mary's was second roller TERRY HILL. She fired a nifty 324 to win her match by 83 pins. Terry is second in Women's B at 91.9.

Second place St. Michael squared-off against fifth place St. Anselm (11 wins) in a good match. St. Mike's winners were leadoff VENETTA SNYDER (277) and TERRY OUELLETTE (252). St. A's winners were STEVE BONESTEEL (292) and Captain LOU MULDREW (333). Muldrew, the fourth top roller in Men's AA, had an easy time defeating St. Mike's Captain TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (297). "Not Tony" rolls second in Men's A at 97.68, while Muldrew is at 104.32. Venetta is fourth in Women's B at 89.59, while Mr. Bonesteel is second in Men's B at 97.35.

In the third match of the night, third place St. Louis (12½ wins) had a tough night vs. eighth place Fordham (7 wins). St. Lou winners were leadoff TINA FRAPPIER (262) and second roller MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (315, a fine night for Maybeth). But Fordham fought back with strong rolling from third bowler FRANK CERPOVICZ (320) and Captain OLLIE MULDREW, the top roller in Men's AA (319; 108.49). Ollie had an easy time vs. Fordham Captain SCOTT MASSOIA, who could muster no better than a 286 (Massoia is top dog in Men's A at 106.8).

Tina Frappier is the runaway leader in Women's D at 87.22, while "Miss Consistent" Coughlin continues to roll well in Women's A at 92.36.

An interesting match saw fourth place Notre Dame (11½ wins) and sixth place Catholic University (9 wins) get in each other's face. ND had two big winners, third roller GLEN ADAMS (a huge 340; Glen is top dog in Men's B at 98.65) and substitute RICH SNYDER (329) in the big battle between the Snyder boys. Rich dealt his brother, CU Captain JIM SNYDER, a swift kick by defeating him by 49 pins (280). Rich was subbing for league strongman AL MORRISON, who fires at an average of 120.18. Rich fires at 107.13. Jim was way below his average of 105.39, which is good for second in Men's AA.

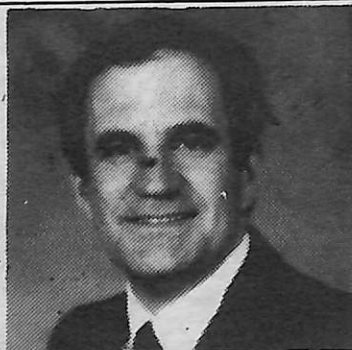
Fortunately for CU, leadoff roller MARY THOMAS (287) bombed her opponent, and second roller BONNIE MASSOIA secured a 287-281 victory over CAROLINE COELLN. Bonnie is second in Women's A at 94.27.

In the final match of the night, ninth place Boston College (6 wins) faced last place Georgetown (5 wins). BC winners were leadoff STELLA BARBIERI (264) and third roller VI MASSOIA (262-260 over LARRY FORTIER). This match was a rather drab one as G-Town did produce two winners - second roller DOT DREWAINY, and famous Captain DEBBIE POIRIER, the top women's roller (103.12). Debbie could only muster a 287 in her victory over BC Captain JOHN MLINEK (283; 96.36 in Men's A). Stella Barbieri is second in Women's C at 86.33; Dot Drewainy leads the Women's C at 89.27.

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Bay West Blazers Win Big In Northeast Reg. Hockey Tournament

From March 11th through 13th, the Bay West Blazers participated in the highly competitive Northeast Regional Hockey Tournament sponsored by the Franklin County Hockey Association. Teams from five different states—Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Pennsylvania—were included in the Squirt 'A' division.

The Blazers, after hitting a slight valley recently, bounced back big time in the tourney. The team showed good form by skating hard, by playing disciplined defense, by returning to a passing attack that few teams can defend against consistently, and by just playing tenaciously. The fact that the Blazers won the Squirt 'A' championship was icing on the cake.

The Blazers began the tourney Friday night, March 11th, with a rematch against the Mass-Conn Braves, a team which had defeated them in -20 degree weather during the Simsbury Tourney played at an outdoor rink. The boys set the pace from the outset, controlled the tempo of the game, and never gave Mass-Conn a chance to generate any consistent offense.

Tony LeClair got the Blazers off to an early lead on a nice shot after a Seth Cassidy pass. Midway through the first period, Marcus Susen tallied the second goal. Linemates Dave Roberts and Glenn Stevens assisted.

Meanwhile, Mass-Conn's big gun, Jeff Urban, was held in check and was getting frustrated by the defensive play of Mike Garrity, Shaun Allard, Mike Tenczar, Brian DeChristopher, and Doug Bush. The boys did a really nice job of riding any Brave off the puck.

After a scoreless second period, Brian Flaherty scored midway through the third period on an unassisted spinaround shot which found the 5 hole. Less than one minute later, Roberts made a nice deke to make it 4-0. Urban did manage to spoil Brian Coombs's shutout bid on a hard shot with one minute remaining in the game. The Blazers played with purpose the entire game and it was a prelude of things to come.

Their second game was played Saturday morning, March 12th, against the Glacier All-Stars from Pennsylvania. The offense was really cranked up in the game, as they rained 38 shots at the opposition goalie. Tony LeClair set the stage just 13 seconds into the contest off a Flaherty pass.

While there was no more scoring, everyone played good two-way hockey to limit the Pennsylvania team's scoring opportunities. LeClair scored early in the second period when he combined with Shaun Allard. The All-Stars hung tough and knotted the score with two goals in less than one minute.

Bay West kept their cool and intensity and regained the two-goal lead shortly thereafter on goals by Marcus Susen and Dave Roberts. Stevens (two) and Susen (one) garnered assists.

In the third period, LeClair finished off his hat trick from linemates Flaherty and Cassidy, and Susen notched his second goal from Cassidy and LeClair. Goalie Brian Coombs stiffened after the first two goals to toss a shutout the rest of the game.

The final score was 6-2 as the defense, and especially Mike Tenczar (with a more aggressive style of play), were outstanding.

The Blazers' third game was against Billerica, a team it had beaten twice earlier in the season at the Ashland-Holliston tourney and at the Burtville, Rhode Island tourney. The old saying, "It's always hard to beat a team for the third time in one season," did not apply in this case because the Blazers would not allow it to happen.

Dave Roberts scored on a pretty, unassisted goal three minutes into the second period to give Bay West a slim lead. While Billerica was stunned after the first goal, Roberts delivered a knockdown blow with a rocket wrist shot to the far upper corner only 37 seconds later.

Susen had sprung Roberts with a nice pass to the right wing (where he remained wide) and was left unattended by the Billerica defense. The shot drew oohs from spectators from both teams. The rest of the period was spent playing good, tight checking hockey.

Susen from Stevens provided the team with a lead which proved insurmountable. Midway through the third period, Billerica finally got on the board, but goalie Brian Coombs and the defense shut them down the rest of the way. The team had played better in each succeeding game of the tourney, so they were eagerly awaiting Sunday's championship game against an unknown opponent.

After St. Albans, Vermont won their game Sunday morning, March 13th, they had to watch Northern Rhode Island win theirs to qualify for the opportunity to play the red-hot Blazers. The final



THE BAY WEST BLAZERS (pictured above with their coaches) had a great season and earned an overall record of 44-8-1. Among their achievements was winning the recent Squirt 'A' championship.

started inauspiciously for Bay West, as a freaky goal gave Rhode Island the lead just 24 seconds into the game.

The Northern Rhode Island Mites 'A' Team had won their championship in the game just prior to the Blazers' game. And so, with their fans and the Viking 'A' fans combined, the noise was pretty deafening following the goal. It was amazing how quickly so many people got silent when Glenn Stevens scored just 11 seconds later to tie the game.

He, Marcus Susen, and Dave Roberts made some quick combination passes to move the puck up ice for the score. Two minutes later, Roberts gave Bay West the lead with his linemates assisting. You would think that would be enough action for one period, but no, Rhode Island tied the score with only 20 seconds left in the first period on a nice shot to the far corner.

Again the Viking fans went nuts! But they didn't learn their lesson, as Stevens, Roberts, and Susen did their act again and scored in just 12 seconds. Their opponents could only look at the eight seconds remaining in the period and shake their




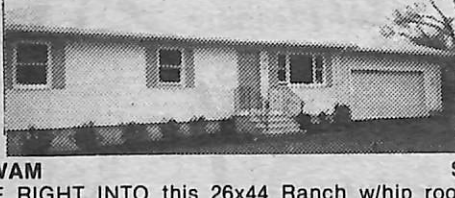
heads. Following a short break after the first period, Northern Rhode Island came out to play some inspired hockey.

Goalie Brian Coombs, after putting the previous goals out of his mind, came up with several good stops to prevent the Vikings from knotting the score. Stevens earned the hat trick shortly thereafter on assists from Roberts and Doug Bush.

Late in the second period, Roberts grabbed a loose puck at center ice with about six seconds left and broke in alone on the goalie. With everyone watching him and the clock, he launched another rocket just under the crossbar with one second remaining.

It was a very demoralizing goal for the Blazers' opponents' morale. They became so frustrated that midway through the third period, Brian Coombs (after making a nice save and laying in the crease freezing the puck) was pushed with a stick to the stomach all the way into the back of the net along with the puck he was still holding! It

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BayWest Panthers Take Second Place In State Tourney

In recent Squirt Division play, the Panthers won the Western Mass. District Championship in completing a four game sweep for the title. This placed the team into the challenging State Tournament, in which 16 teams qualified throughout the state to compete "to be the best" in this hotbed state of excellent hockey players.

The boys turned in the series of their young careers by dominating several teams from the eastern part of the state in earning their way to play in the State Finals. It was a phenomenal and captivating ride, with the boys playing their hearts out, as they captured second place ... a tremendous accomplishment!

THE DISTRICT PLAYDOWNS vs Westfield

The first game in this single elimination tournament was against Westfield. The Panthers were clearly too much for the opponent to handle as Matt Bocchino slammed the door shut in net and the Panthers spanked them by a score of 8-0.

The scoring was spread around to five different players, Dan DiStefano (2), Jeremy Bourke (2), Devin Liebro (2), Bryan Ciborowski, and Russ Giroux. The Panthers put the game away in the first period with four goals, and followed that up with another three in the second stanza.

As no one player can do it all alone, these boys contributed valuable assists in setting up their teammates' goals ... Nick DePalma, Kevin Atkin, Kevin Flaherty, Giroux, Ciborowski, DiStefano. Solid defensive contributions were turned in by Sean Curley, James Leduc, and Adam Sprague.

vs Ludlow

The next game came against a pesky rival, Ludlow. The Panthers were carried to a 3-0 victory on the shoulders of Jeff Osetek, who scored all three goals for a "hat trick" after missing the first game with an injury.

Bocchino recorded his second consecutive shutout by playing alertly and with the super defensive effort by every player. The team played inspired hockey as they were aggressive in their forechecking and the all important area of backchecking.

Kevin Flaherty stepped up to intercept a Ludlow pass and carried it nicely into the offensive zone, where he was tripped from behind as he bore in on the lonely goalie. A penalty shot was awarded to add a little flair to the contest. Nice try, Kev, but it was still a smart play.

Assists were picked up by DiStefano, Ciborowski, Curley, and even the goalie, Bocchino. It was an emotional battle and a well deserved victory.

vs Springfield

The Panthers advanced to play and totally destroy the Springfield squad by letting loose with an offensive barrage to gain an 8-2 win.

This game featured some really pretty impressive tallies in denting the twine with several top corner shots and hungry rebounds as the Panthers mercilessly crashed the net.

The aggressive attack was launched by three players with multiple goal games ... Bryan Ciborowski (3), Devin Liebro (2), Kevin Flaherty (2) ... and a singleton by Dan DiStefano. Evidence of the unselfish brand of team play is seen in the number of assists ... DiStefano (3), Flaherty (2), Liebro (2), Leduc (2), and one each by Adam Sprague, Nick DePalma, Jeremy Bourke, and Russ Giroux. With this game in hand, the Panthers made it to the District Finals to determine who would represent Western Mass. in the State Tourney!

vs WTM

In order to get the chance to play in the prestigious State Tourney, the Panthers had to conquer a team they had not yet beaten this year.



MEMBERS OF THE BAYWEST PANTHERS (pictured above with their coaches) recently won the Western Mass. District Championship (Squirt Division).

This exciting, see-saw, emotionally draining contest was well worth the price of admission and the early rising!

WTM kept creeping away with a 1-2 goal lead, and entered the final period ahead by a 3-2 margin. These players have not quit all year and were not about to die now, either. The Panthers' relentless attack produced three third period goals to earn a dramatic 5-4 victory against a tough WTM squad.

The offensive story ... the Panthers rode the broad shoulders of Dan DiStefano's four goals and the great game-winning tally by Russ Giroux, who pounced on a loose puck just outside the blue line, deked the "D," and put the puck in the top left corner to send the team to the States!

The entire team was on fire, passed superbly, and hustled all game ... they were not to be denied. Sean Curley led the assist parade with two, and onesies by Osetek, DePalma, Ciborowski, Atkin, Leduc, and Giroux.

Matt Bocchino came up big with several key saves to hold on to the win.

THE STATE TOURNAMENT

The BayWest Panthers not only qualified to represent the District in the State Tourney, they advanced all the way to the Finals ... the first time in many years that a Western Mass. team advanced that far.

While they fell one victory short, the boys captured second place in the entire state, and also gave all the parents, friends, and coaches the week of their lives filled with memories to treasure in watching the outstanding play of these young boys. Thanks for the ride and what a ride it was!

vs Randolph

The first game saw the Panthers come out a bit tentative as Randolph jumped out to an early 2-0 lead within the first five minutes. However, the team didn't get this far by giving up, as the Panthers roared back with a run of four straight goals.

Jeff Osetek lit the spark, scoring on a nifty pass from Bryan Ciborowski, after Kevin Flaherty kept the puck in the zone. Ciborowski knotted the score at 2-2, escaping on a breakaway with outlet

passes from Osetek and James Leduc.

Osetek rifled a rebound home off a Ciborowski blast. Dan DiStefano got into the scoring act with a missile, top corner job from the far circle that had all sorts of eyes bugging out of heads. Randolph scored with just under two minutes to go on a deflection to come within one at 4-3. Adam Sprague put everyone's nerves to rest, by smoothly carrying the puck into the zone and depositing it safely into the empty net to seal the 5-3 victory.

vs Danvers

The Panthers certainly pounced all over Danvers in an easy 14-2 win. This explosion saw seven different players score as they bolted to a 4-0 first period margin.

The onslaught continued with four more in the second, before Danvers netted two, and BayWest finished the game with six in the final session.

Many of the goals were scored on the players' backhand, which is great to see at this young age, and in crashing the net to capitalize on loose pucks around the crease.

Ten skaters figured in this balanced attack as seen in the following goals/assists recap ... Liebro 4/3, DiStefano 4/3, Osetek 2/1, Atkin 1/-, Ciborowski 1/-, Bourke 1/1, Flaherty 1/1, Sprague -/3, Leduc -/2, Giroux -/2. Solid, all-around play was turned in also by Curley and DePalma.

vs Burlington

Burlington proved to be a resilient squad down the home stretch in coming back in the last four minutes of the game to tie BayWest 3-3 after trailing by two. Their last two goals were carbon copies; on the ice into the far corner, just inches out of the reach of a sprawling Matt Bocchino.

Matt showed his mettle by shaking it off to make several tough saves at the end of the game to send BayWest into the semi-finals. Giroux and Bourke were awesome in not only killing off a penalty, but they also forechecked their way into BayWest's first tally by Giroux.

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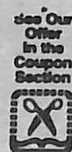


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Shortly into the second period, Giborowski increased the Panthers' lead to 2-0 with assists by DePalma and Flaherty. DiStefano capped off BayWest's scoring spree on a full-ice rush, being set up by Atkin. While it would have been nice to hold onto the lead, the scoring system and the Panthers' overall record enabled the team to advance and keep the miraculous journey going!

vs Hingham

In what may have been their finest game of the year, the Panthers trounced Hingham 10-1 to earn their shot at the State Title. The team members were just flying all over the ice, with great backchecking by the forwards, excellent defensive play by the blueliners, and super team passing as seen in the 16 assists.

Nice hustle by Curley forcing the action, Bocchino tough as nails in net, a second empty net tally by Sprague, and an unusual goal awarded to DiStefano (as a frustrated Hingham player threw his stick to prevent a sure goal), were all part of the powerful offensive wave of the Panthers. Again, due to the high number of goals, we must simply recap the goals/assists as follows ... Bourke 1/1, Liebro 2/3, Osetek 2/1, Giroux -/2, Ciborowski 1/2, DePalma -/1, Flaherty -/1, Atkin -/2,

BLAZERS - from Page 49...

was a nice free ride, but no goal was counted and all that resulted was a Rhode Island penalty.

Tony LeClair completed the scoring as Stevens and Bush assisted. The win was a total team effort as forwards Brian Flaherty and Seth Cassidy (although not figuring directly in the scoring) worked extremely hard on forechecking and backchecking; the defense of the two Mikes—Tenczar and Garrity—played like iron as did Brian DeChristopher, Shaun Allard, and Doug Bush; and goalie Brian Coombs came up big when he had to.

The Blazers did a nice job of killing off seven of the eight penalties called on them. As was proven in this tournament, when individual play sets in, a team is less than average ... but when a team plays inspired and more importantly as one (like the Blazers did), it can be awesome.

As the tournament director stated after the individual player trophies and team championship trophy were presented to the Blazer players and coaches, "It's not often a team from our area wins this tournament due to the quality of the teams from outside the area which enter." The Blazers have found great success in the four outside tournaments they have entered thus far this season—winning twice, finishing runner-up once, and third once.

More importantly, it has provided the players with the opportunity to improve their physical skills, their mental tenacity, and to learn how to play as a team and depend upon one another at crunch time.

GSJHL playoffs and a season-ending tournament in Canton remain for the Blazers. Their overall record is 44-8-1.

Fitness First Offers Swimming Lessons To Children And Adults

Pre-summer swimming lessons for children ages six months to adult will be offered at Fitness First in Feeding Hills beginning the week of April 4th and ending the week of May 23rd. All classes meet once per week and run for the complete eight-week session.

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To be beating these quality teams from Eastern Mass in such sound fashion was evidence of the determination and skills of these Western Mass Panthers.

vs Medford

The BayWest Panthers had a great deal to be proud of for themselves, for the way they represented the Western Mass District, and for the BayWest organization (as a whole) by playing with so much enthusiasm in competing at this high level of play.

The team's bubble burst early in the finals of the State Tournament, as a strong skating and passing Medford team jumped out to a quick 3-0 first-period lead. Their lead increased to 5-0 in the first half of the second stanza.

The Panthers had played and expended so much emotion to reach the finals, it was hard to overcome this deficit against a top-caliber team. However, as stated previously in this article, these boys have a lot of heart and would not quit.

BayWest settled down and played a solid second half of the game. From a coach's perspective, this effort and attitude was remarkable to witness, as the boys left every ounce of energy on

the ice in their attempt to gain victory. Medford was the better team on this day and deserved the title.

The Panthers forced the play down the stretch and avoided the shutout by popping one in for a final score of 5-1. The good news ... the BayWest Panthers captured and truly earned a second-place finish in the State Tournament—a terrific feat!

Overall, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and something to treasure forever. The boys deserve all of the accolades for giving it their best shot and for an outstanding achievement.

The coaches—Paul Flaherty, Don Liebro, and Rich Coelho—want to congratulate the players for a great run, and also want to thank the parents, friends, and the BayWest organization for their terrific support. The members of the BayWest Panthers are very special and talented players, each and every one of them—they should feel proud of their accomplishments because they were awesome!

The Panthers' overall season record stands at 33 wins, nine losses, and 12 ties (with two games remaining) ... it's been a super year!

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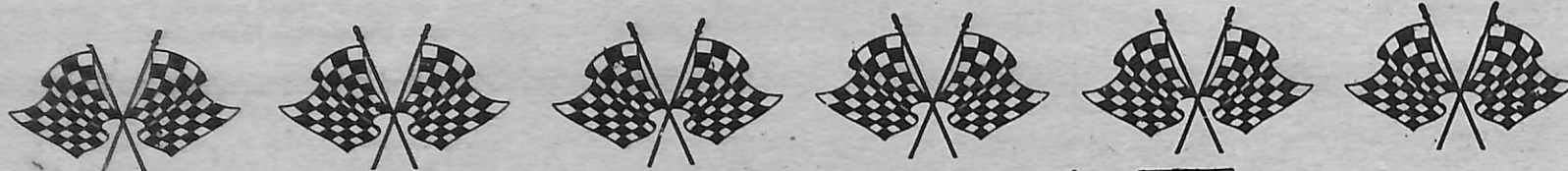
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RACING AT Riverside Speedway

Bruce D'Alessandro To Run Modifieds Weekly At Riverside

"I really have seen the difference when I ran weekly at Riverside; it kept me sharp. At first, I didn't believe it, but facts don't lie," said 1989 Riverside Modified Champion Bruce D'Alessandro, adding, "My tour owner said, 'Go back to weekly racing or make plans to move on.'" Those plans have a great new combination ... one that could be the team to beat in 1994 at Riverside Park Speedway.

Bill Meyers, owner of International Auto Body, is preparing his new team with Bruce D'Alessandro as the tentative driver for 1994 NASCAR Modified racing at Riverside. Meyers has been involved in Modified racing since the early days with veteran Ray Miller, and he is noted for his ownership of the Modified that won the \$10,000 August series of 1993 at Riverside. He is perhaps best known for his force in the success of Bobby Gee, who now drive for Mario Fiore.

As for Bruce Dell, he's a driver who has had limited success since then with Riverside victories in Bill Simon's No. 9. Bruce also runs on the NASCAR Modified Tour, driving for Start Finish Motorsports (this is a new team that has already shown great potential).

The other unique qualities of the Meyers team is that the International Auto Body car is an exact copy of the R.E. style car with which Bruce won the 1989 championship. Fact is, the other car driven by Bobby Gee was the very same car he won the title with.

Both Bill Meyers and Bruce Dell know the tough Riverside quarter-mile well. This team will be real tough in 1994 at Riverside Park Speedway; and this team, like many others, represents a lot of exciting changes going on in 1994 at Riverside Park Speedway.

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RIVERSIDE PARK SPEEDWAY was all geared up for its big 1994 seasonal opener on Saturday, March 26th. photo courtesy of Howard Hodge.

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RACING AT RIVERSIDE - continued...**Saturday, April 2nd, Is A "Super Saver" Night At Riverside**

Race event number two is a "price-breaker" at Riverside Park Speedway. This Saturday, April 2nd, Riverside will feature its second program for 1994 in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series, and this program is a "Super Saver" family value night—\$9.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids for 12-plus events, featuring the Modified Tour, Pro Stocks, and Strictly Stocks. (In other words, a full program of premiere NASCAR racing at the most inexpensive prices ever offered!)

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Racing has already begun this season with highly competitive Modified tour racing that attracts drivers like Bruce D'Alessandro, Richard

Savary, Reggie Ruggiero, Dan Avery, Bobby Gee, and Marty Radewick. The Modified Tour cars will run time trials, heats, and consis with a 50-lap feature.

Over 30 Late Models will be on hand with the headliner being Chris Wenzal, followed by Ted Chalmers, Gary Fiorimonti, Marty Leary, Doug Dell, and Fred LaForge.

A division that has really taken off is the Strictly Stocks, which has over 75 cars pre-entered. Rob Varello is looking for a win, along with Dave Watts, Roger Fujimoto, E.J. Legacy, Rosi Hall, and Todd Owens. These cars qualify in the afternoon, with their feature first on the card at 6:00 p.m.

The pit area will open at 11:00 a.m. with another early practice scheduled. The South Gate for general admission seats will open at 4:00 p.m., with the program beginning at 6:00 p.m. Due to the Super Saver price, this event is going to be jammed-packed with fans taking advantage of the \$9.99 per-adult-price deal. So, please come early

and don't miss the best deal in motorsports on Saturday, April 2nd. (By the way, this Super Saver will also apply to Riverside's Saturday, April 9th program.)

On Saturday, April 16th, Riverside's own Pro Stock Division will be featured and will include the defending champion Tom Fearn, along with Tony Papale, Dave Caruso, Rick Turcotte, Tom Rosati, Ted Hebert, and Lou Prior (just to name a few). These exotic, wedge-shaped cars best fit the image of today's "new car" look.

For more information on Riverside Park Speedway that runs each and every Saturday at 6:00 p.m., call the Speedway hotline at (413) 786-9300, ext. 3264. This phone line features race results and much more.

Season tickets are also available at the discount price of \$225 for reserved seats and \$210 for unreserved seats. This package includes free VIP parking, 34 events, the NASCAR Modified Tour, the Busch Grand National, Enduro/Demo, and every Saturday evening race.

Riverside Speedway Opens 1994 Season With "Big Chill"

Riverside Park Speedway was the first NASCAR short track to open for 1994 in the Northeast. A total of 6,749 NASCAR Winston race fans came out to witness a heated battle in the Budweiser "Big Chill."

The Modified race was impressive and went through six cautions, with **Chris Kopec** winning the 75-lap main event. For the first 19 laps, John Anderson (from his position on the pole) held off Reggie Ruggiero, the fast-time setter who developed brake problems; fact is, it was a flaming left rear brake that got so hot it was a glowing green flame, and this problem eventually forced Ruggiero to give up the number-one spot.

Reg took the lead on lap 20, but when the floodgates opened, it wasn't the second-place car that took the lead ... instead, it was the fourth-place car of Kopec, who saw his opportunity to take the lead and never looked back.

While all that was going on, Tom Crevenho, Dan Avery, and Dave Berube came from the back to move into the top five positions. The most consistent runner of the event was former Modified tour champion Jamie Tomaino. Tomaino, like John Anderson, was a threat throughout the entire event. But, as was the case with Reggie Ruggiero, brake problems plagued Anderson and Steve, and their glowing motors forced them to lose several positions late in the event.

Among the early cautions was a minor spin with Jim Dolan. On the restart, Stan Gregor got bounced around, pitted twice, and never returned due to suspension damage. Then the toughest hit of the night involved Bobby Gee, as he hit hard in turn one.

As the check was dropped, Chris Kopec began 1994 the same way he ended 1993—by winning a victory worth \$1,500 in the Mutual Ford-Gary's Auto Sales Pontiac. Second was Jamie Tomaino (Perth-Amboys), third was Tom Crevenho (Tony's Auto Machine), fourth was Dan Avery (Porter Chester), and fifth was Reggie Ruggiero (Haymond Law).

Sixth through 10th were Dave Berube, John Anderson (Bear Motorsports), Doug Meservey (Citgo), Marty Radewick (Autocraft), and Ed Spliers.

The Late Model feature went green to checker without a caution. Gee Perry, Glenn Griswold, and Fred LaForge for a great battle for the lead, but the real "star" of this event was **Chuck Docherty** as he came from the middle of the pack and took the lead at the ¾ marker.

Docherty drove a flawless race to the checker and won his first race for the new team (Roger Charette has assumed the role as owner). Second went to Gee Perry over Glen Griswold, Fred LaForge, and Marty Leary. Sixth through 10th went to Rocky Mazzioto, Joe Czarnecki, Ted Chalmers, Chris Wenzal, and Mike Bushior.

The action in the Strictly Stock race also went green to the checker, as the defending champion **Rob Valerio** held off all the pressures from Chuck Alessio and Mike Salmond, who (in turn) were followed by Herb Carlon and Todd Owen. Sixth through 10th were Bill Reiman Vinny Bunocore, Joe Arena, Scott Neleber, and Kevin Sheenan.

This Saturday, April 2nd, it's the "April Fool's Fantastic" ... a Modified Tour type 50-lap event, plus a 30-lap Pro Stock feature and the Strictly Stocks. Action begins at 6:00 p.m.

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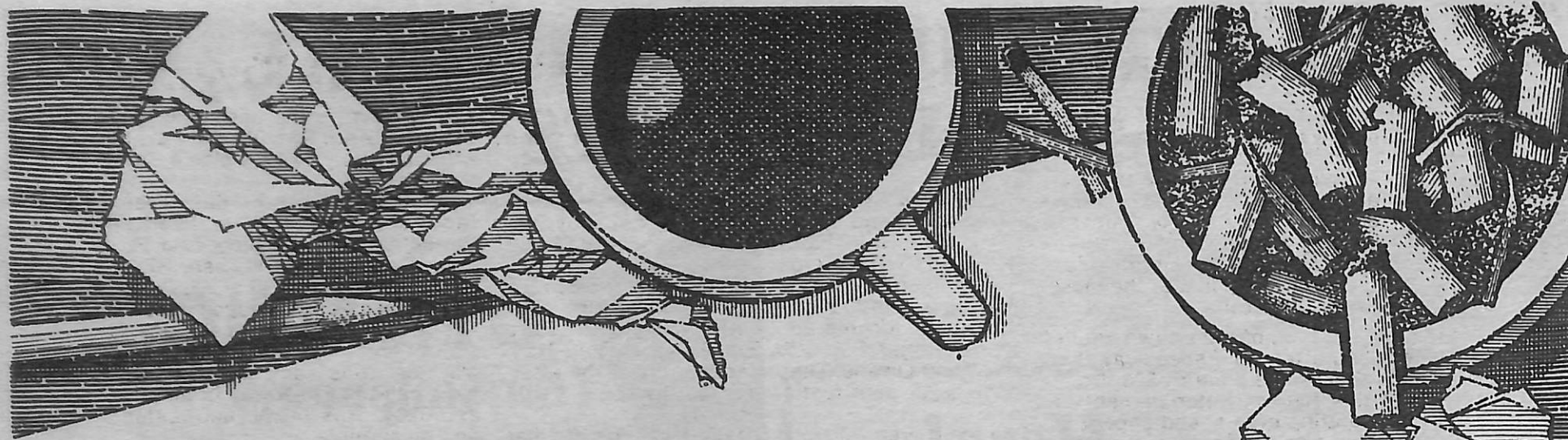
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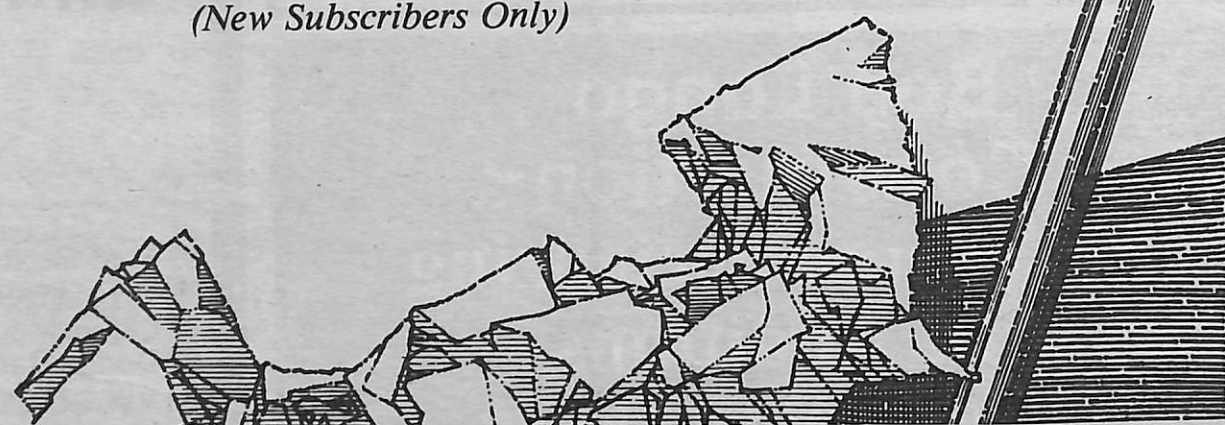
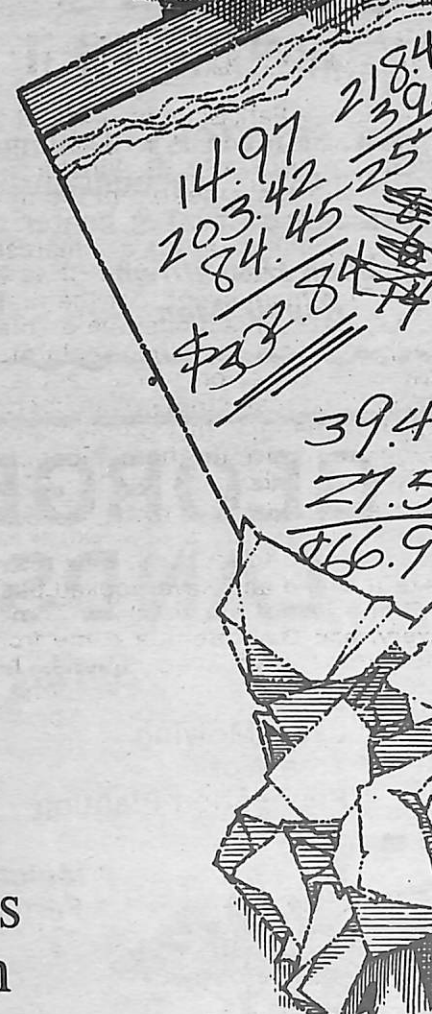
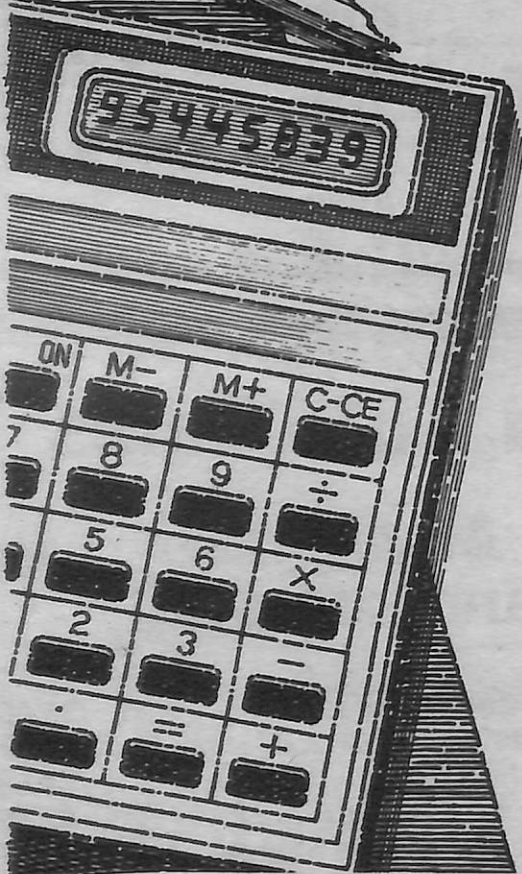


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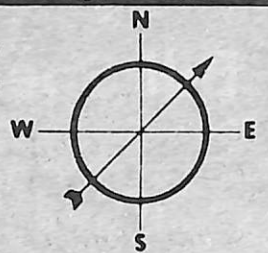
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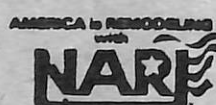
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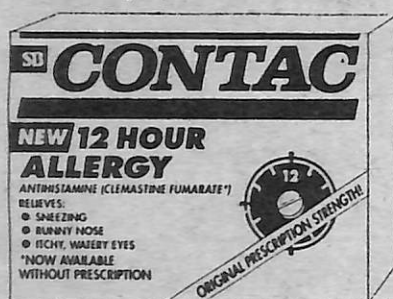
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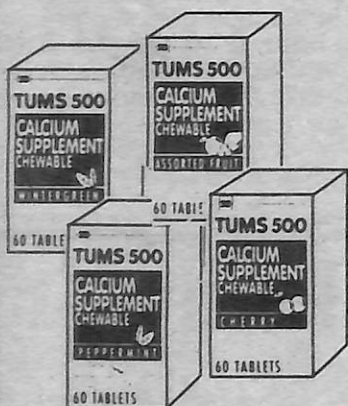


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